

STAND FIRM – BE FAITHFUL TO HOW GOD IS CALLING YOU

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Stand—Definition from Webster's 1828 Dictionary

- To remain upright, in a moral sense; not to fall.
- To be fixed or steady; not to vacillate.
- To be in or to maintain a posture of resistance or defense.
- To succeed; to maintain ones ground; not to fail;
- To persist; to persevere.

Stand Firm!

- In the Lord
- In the Faith
- In one spirit for the sake of the Gospel
- In the true grace of God
- Against the schemes of the devil
- Against temptation
- On the Word of God
- In accordance with how God is calling you

Stand Firm!

- Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should **stand firm in the Lord**, dear friends!

Philippians 4:1 NIV

Stand Firm!

- Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, **standing firm in the faith**, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

1 Peter 5:8-9 NIV

Stand Firm!

- Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are **standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;**

Philippians 1:27 NASB

Stand Firm!

- With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that **this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.**

1 Peter 5:12 NIV

Stand Firm!

- Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to **stand firm against the schemes of the devil**. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:11-12 NASB

Stand Firm!

- No **temptation** has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can **stand up under it**.

1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV

Stand Firm!

- **Stand firm** then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, . . .

Ephesians 6:14 NIV

Stand Firm!

- In the Lord
- In the Faith
- In one spirit for the sake of the Gospel
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- On the Word of God

God's Word Warns Us of the Need to Stand Firm

- In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be **persecuted**, while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, **deceiving** and being deceived.

2 Timothy 3:12-13 NIV

God's Word Warns Us of the Need to Stand Firm

- All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Matthew 10:22 NIV

God's Word Warns Us of the Need to Stand Firm

- For the time will come when **men will not put up with sound doctrine**. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.**

2 Timothy 4:3-4 NIV

God's Word Warns Us of the Need to Stand Firm

- Watch and pray, that you enter not into **temptation**: the spirit indeed is willing, but **the flesh is weak**.

Matthew 26:41 KJ2000

God's Word Warns Us of the Need to Stand Firm

- Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy **the devil** prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8 NIV

God's Word Instructs Us to Stand Firm

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Ephesians 6:11-12 NASB

God's Word Instructs Us to Stand Firm

- This command I entrust to you, Timothy, *my son*, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you **fight the good fight, keeping faith and a good conscience**, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.

1 Timothy 1:18-19 NASB

God's Word Instructs Us to Stand Firm

- Timothy, **guard** what has been entrusted to your care. **Turn away** from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you.

1 Timothy 6:20-21 NIV

God's Word Instructs Us to Stand Firm

- **Guard** the good deposit that was entrusted to you—**guard** it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

2 Timothy 1:14 NIV

God's Word Instructs Us to Stand Firm

- It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore **keep standing firm** and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.
Galatians 5:1 NASB

God's Word Instructs Us to Stand Firm

- 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 Corinthians 15:58 NIV

God's Word Instructs Us to Stand Firm

- **Be diligent** to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15 NASB

God's Word Instructs Us to Stand Firm

- **Take heed** to yourself and to the doctrine.
Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

1 Timothy 4:16 NKJV

God's Word Instructs Us to Stand Firm

- Watch, **stand fast** in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all *that you do* be done with love.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NKJV

How Do I Stand Firm for the Lord Jesus Christ?

What does this look like
practically in the life
of a Christian?

How Do I Stand Firm for the Lord Jesus Christ?

- **First**, be sure that if the Lord Jesus stepped into your presence right now, He would say to you: “I know you. Welcome.”
- **Then**, trust the Bible above all else to figure out how God is calling you.
- **Finally**, be obedient to how God is calling you so that you may hear from the Lord: “Well done good and faithful servant.”
- **So, how is God calling you?**

How God Is Calling You:

- 1. How God Calls You to View and Treat **the Bible**
- 2. God Calls You to Believe What **Jesus Christ** Says About Himself
- 3. God Calls You to Believe in **Jesus Christ** as Your Lord and Savior
- 4. How God Calls Christians to **View and Relate to Him**
- 5. God Calls Christians to **Trust** in Him
- 6. God Calls Christians to **Obey** Him
- 7. God Calls Christians to Guard Their **Hearts and Minds**
- 8. God Calls Christians to **Stand Firm** for Him
- 9. God Calls Christians to Live **Righteously**
- 10. How God Calls Christians to **Love and Treat Others**
- 11. How God Calls Christians to Teach and Protect Their **Families**
- 12. How God Calls Christians to **Represent Him**

1. How God Calls You to View and Treat the Bible

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- "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 NKJV

1. How God Calls You to View and Treat the Bible

- How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, O LORD; teach me your decrees. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

Psalms 119:9-16 NIV

1. How God Calls You to View and Treat the Bible

- Open my eyes, that I may behold
Wonderful things from Your law.
Psalm 119:18 NASB

1. How God Calls You to View and Treat the Bible

- Your testimonies are my delight;
they are my counselors.

Psalm 119:24 ESV

1. How God Calls You to View and Treat the Bible

- Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes,
And I shall keep it *to* the end. Give me understanding,
and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it
with *my* whole heart. Make me walk in the path of
Your commandments, For I delight in it. Incline my
heart to Your testimonies, And not to covetousness.
Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things,
And revive me in Your way.

Psalm 119:33-37 NKJV

1. How God Calls You to View and Treat the Bible

- Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119:105 ESV

1. How God Calls You to View and Treat the Bible

- All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.

Psalm 119:160 NIV

1. How God Calls You to View and Treat the Bible

- To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Isaiah 8:20 KJ2000

1. How God Calls You to View and Treat the Bible

- "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD. "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.

Isaiah 66:2 NASB

1. How God Calls You to View and Treat the Bible

- He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

Luke 11:28 NIV

1. How God Calls You to View and Treat the Bible

- Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

Acts 17:11 NIV

1. How God Calls You to View and Treat the Bible

- All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
2 Timothy 3:16-17 NKJV

1. How God Calls You to View and Treat the Bible

- Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:21-22 NIV

1. How God Calls You to View and Treat the Bible

- knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:20-21 ESV

2. God Calls You to Believe What Jesus Christ Says About Himself

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- Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Luke 24:44-47 ESV

2. God Calls You to Believe What Jesus Christ Says About Himself

- Then spoke Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 8:12 KJ2000

2. God Calls You to Believe What Jesus Christ Says About Himself

- He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning.

John 8:23-25 ESV

2. God Calls You to Believe What Jesus Christ Says About Himself

- Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

Do you believe this?

John 11:25-26 KJ2000

2. God Calls You to Believe What Jesus Christ Says About Himself

- "I have come *as* Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.

John 12:46 NASB

2. God Calls You to Believe What Jesus Christ Says About Himself

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

John 14:6 NKJV

2. God Calls You to Believe What Jesus Christ Says About Himself

- Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

John 18:37 NASB

2. God Calls You to Believe What Jesus Christ Says About Himself

- And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Revelation 1:17-18 NKJV

2. God Calls You to Believe What Jesus Christ Says About Himself

- "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last." Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside *are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

Revelation 22:12-15 NKJV

**3. God Calls You to Believe
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- "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

Matthew 7:24-25 NKJV

- "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

Matthew 7:26-27 NKJV

3. God Calls You to Believe in Jesus Christ as Your Lord and Savior

- "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:16-18 NIV

3. God Calls You to Believe in Jesus Christ as Your Lord and Savior

- Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.“

John 3:36 NIV

3. God Calls You to Believe in Jesus Christ as Your Lord and Savior

- But he continued, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins.” “Who are you?” they asked. “Just what I have been claiming all along,” Jesus replied.

John 8:23-25 NIV

3. God Calls You to Believe in Jesus Christ as Your Lord and Savior

- 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.

John 14:23-24 NIV

3. God Calls You to Believe in Jesus Christ as Your Lord and Savior

- Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

John 5:24 ESV

3. God Calls You to Believe in Jesus Christ as Your Lord and Savior

- This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:22-24 NIV

3. God Calls You to Believe in Jesus Christ as Your Lord and Savior

- that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

Romans 10:9-10 NASB

3. God Calls You to Believe in Jesus Christ as Your Lord and Savior

- For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:3-5 NKJV

3. God Calls You to Believe in Jesus Christ as Your Lord and Savior

- For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.

Hebrews 4:2 NIV

3. God Calls You to Believe in Jesus Christ as Your Lord and Savior

- The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 NIV

3. God Calls You to Believe in Jesus Christ as Your Lord and Savior

- And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:11-13 NIV

4. How God Calls Christians to View and Relate to Him

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- "Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth; ... "If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Joshua 24:14a-15a,c NASB

4. How God Calls Christians to View and Relate to Him

- *As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.*

2 Samuel 22:31 NKJV

4. How God Calls Christians to View and Relate to Him

- You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.

Nehemiah 9:6 NIV

4. How God Calls Christians to View and Relate to Him

- I will love You, O Lord, my strength.
The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalm 18:1-2 NKJV

4. How God Calls Christians to View and Relate to Him

- To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, I trust in You;
Let me not be ashamed;
Let not my enemies triumph over me. . . .
Show me Your ways, O Lord;
Teach me Your paths.
Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
For You *are* the God of my salvation;
On You I wait all the day.
Psalm 25:1-2, 4-5 NKJV

4. How God Calls Christians to View and Relate to Him

- For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Psalm 33:4-5 NIV

4. How God Calls Christians to View and Relate to Him

- Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your law is truth.
Psalms 119:142 NASB

4. How God Calls Christians to View and Relate to Him

- The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Psalm 145:18 ESV

4. How God Calls Christians to View and Relate to Him

- For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9 KJ2000

4. How God Calls Christians to View and Relate to Him

- Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

Matthew 22:37-39 NKJV

4. How God Calls Christians to View and Relate to Him

- “But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

John 4:23-24 NASB

4. How God Calls Christians to View and Relate to Him

- Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6 ESV

4. How God Calls Christians to View and Relate to Him

- We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in *the power of* the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

1 John 5:19-20 NASB

5. God Calls Christians to Trust in Him

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- I will love You, O Lord, my strength.
The Lord is my rock and my fortress
and my deliverer; My God, my strength,
in whom I will trust; My shield and the
horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalm 18:1-2 NKJV

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- To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God,
I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed;
Let not my enemies triumph over me. . . .
Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your
paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
For You *are* the God of my salvation;
On You I wait all the day.
Psalms 25:1-2, 4-5 NKJV

5. God Calls Christians to Trust in Him

- How blessed is the man who has made the Lord his trust, And has not turned to the proud, nor to those who lapse into falsehood.

Psalm 40:4 NASB

5. God Calls Christians to Trust in Him

- When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You.
In God, whose word I praise, In God I have put
my trust; I shall not be afraid. What can *mere*
man do to me?

Psalm 56:3-4 NASB

5. God Calls Christians to Trust in Him

- Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Psalm 62:5-8 NIV

5. God Calls Christians to Trust in Him

- It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

Psalm 118:8-9 KJ2000

5. God Calls Christians to Trust in Him

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

5. God Calls Christians to Trust in Him

- Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes
And clever in their own sight!

Isaiah 5:21 NASB

5. God Calls Christians to Trust in Him

- You will keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on you:
because he trusts in you.
Trust in the LORD forever:
for in the LORD GOD is everlasting strength:
Isaiah 26:3-4 KJ2000

5. God Calls Christians to Trust in Him

- For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9 ESV

5. God Calls Christians to Trust in Him

- “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord
And whose trust is the Lord. “For he will be
like a tree planted by the water, That extends
its roots by a stream And will not fear when
the heat comes; But its leaves will be green,
And it will not be anxious in a year of drought
Nor cease to yield fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 NASB

5. God Calls Christians to Trust in Him

- May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 NIV

5. God Calls Christians to Trust in Him

- 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.

Ephesians 6:10-12 NIV

6. God Calls Christians to Obey Him

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- Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the LORD.
Blessed are they who keep his statutes and
seek him with all their heart.

Psalm 119:1-2 NIV

6. God Calls Christians to Obey Him

- How can a young man keep his way pure?

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I seek you with all my heart;

do not let me stray from your commands.

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that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:9-11 NIV

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- Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it *to* the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart. Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it. Incline my heart to Your testimonies, And not to covetousness. Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, *And* revive me in Your way.

Psalm 119:33-37 NKJV

6. God Calls Christians to Obey Him

- Your statutes are wonderful;
therefore I obey them.

Psalm 119:129 NIV

6. God Calls Christians to Obey Him

- I hope for your salvation, O LORD, and I do your commandments. My soul keeps your testimonies; I love them exceedingly. I keep your precepts and testimonies, for all my ways are before you. Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word!

Psalms 119:166-169 ESV

6. God Calls Christians to Obey Him

- But He said, “On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.”

Luke 11:28 NASB

6. God Calls Christians to Obey Him

- So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

John 8:31-32 NASB

6. God Calls Christians to Obey Him

- “If you love Me,
you will keep My commandments.
John 14:15 NASB

6. God Calls Christians to Obey Him

- “He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”
John 14:21 NASB

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- 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.

John 14:23-24 NIV

6. God Calls Christians to Obey Him

- As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 15:9-11 ESV

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- “You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

John 15:14 NKJV

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- Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:21-22 NIV

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- By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

1 John 2:3-6 NASB

6. God Calls Christians to Obey Him

- This is love for God: to obey his commands.
And his commands are not burdensome,
1 John 5:3 NIV

7. God Calls Christians to Guard Their Hearts and Minds

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- Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Utterly abhor and detest it, for it is set apart for destruction.

Deuteronomy 7:26 NIV

7. God Calls Christians to Guard Their Hearts and Minds

■ I will set before my eyes no vile thing.

The deeds of faithless men I hate;
they will not cling to me.

Men of perverse heart shall be far from me;
I will have nothing to do with evil.

Psalm 101:3-4 NIV

7. God Calls Christians to Guard Their Hearts and Minds

- How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:9-11 NIV

7. God Calls Christians to Guard Their Hearts and Minds

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

7. God Calls Christians to Guard Their Hearts and Minds

- Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Proverbs 4:23 NIV

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- The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keeps his way preserves his soul.
Proverbs 16:17 KJ2000

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- Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 NASB

7. God Calls Christians to Guard Their Hearts and Minds

- Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.

Do everything in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NIV

7. God Calls Christians to Guard Their Hearts and Minds

- 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.

Ephesians 6:10-12 NIV

7. God Calls Christians to Guard Their Hearts and Minds

- Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:8-9 NKJV

7. God Calls Christians to Guard Their Hearts and Minds

- See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.

Colossians 2:8 NASB

7. God Calls Christians to Guard Their Hearts and Minds

- If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Colossians 3:1-2 ESV

7. God Calls Christians to Guard Their Hearts and Minds

- Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 NIV

7. God Calls Christians to Guard Their Hearts and Minds

- Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

1 Timothy 4:16 NKJV

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James 1:21-22 NIV

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- Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

1 Peter 5:8-9 NIV

7. God Calls Christians to Guard Their Hearts and Minds

- Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 2:15-17 NKJV

7. God Calls Christians to Guard Their Hearts and Minds

- Little children, keep yourselves from idols.
1 John 5:21 KJ2000

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

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- He did evil because he did not set his heart to seek the LORD.

2 Chronicles 12:14 NASB

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

2 Chronicles 16:9a NIV

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.

Psalm 20:7-8 ESV

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, And his tongue speaks justice. The law of his God is in his heart; His steps do not slip.

Psalm 37:30-31 NASB

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- My soul, wait you only upon God; for my expectation is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defense; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in him at all times; you people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.

Psalm 62:5-8 KJ2000

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- Those who love Your law have great peace,
And nothing causes them to stumble.

Psalms 119:165 NASB

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- “You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.

Matthew 10:22 NASB

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- “At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. “Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. “Because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold. “But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

Matthew 24:10-13 NASB

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

John 8:31-32 NASB

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- Do not deceive yourselves. If any one of you thinks he is wise by the standards of this age, he should become a “fool” so that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight. As it is written: “He catches the wise in their craftiness”;
1 Corinthians 3:18-19 NIV

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, since you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:58 KJ2000

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- Be watchful,
stand firm in the faith,
act like men,
be strong.
Let all that you do be done in love.
1 Corinthians 16:13-14 ESV

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1 NASB

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:15-17 NASB

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:10-12 NASB

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Ephesians 6:13 NASB

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:14-17 NASB

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,

Philippians 1:27 ESV

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 NIV

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

2 Thessalonians 2:15 NIV

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- Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

1 Timothy 4:16 NKJV

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called “knowledge”—which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith. Grace be with you.

1 Timothy 6:20-21 NASB

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
2 Timothy 2:15 NKJV

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 3:12-13 NASB

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2 NIV

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

James 1:12 NKJV

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1 Peter 5:8-9 NIV

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- For whoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 5:4-5 KJ2000

8. God Calls Christians to Stand Firm for Him

- Little children, guard yourselves from idols.
1 John 5:21 NASB

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- Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude 1:3-4 NKJV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

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- "You shall not at all do as we are doing here today—every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes

Deuteronomy 12:8 NKJV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. . . .

1 Chronicles 29:17a NIV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- For the Lord is righteous,
He loves righteousness;
The upright will behold His face.
Psalm 11:7 NASB

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth. He loves righteousness and justice: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.
Psalm 33:4-5 KJ2000

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- Righteous *are* You, O Lord, And upright *are* Your judgments. Your testimonies, *which* You have commanded, *Are* righteous and very faithful.

Psalm 119:137-138 NKJV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- The LORD detests men of perverse heart but he delights in those whose ways are blameless.
Proverbs 11:20 NIV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- Lying lips *are* an abomination to the Lord, But those who deal truthfully *are* His delight.
Proverbs 12:22 NKJV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, but he loves him who pursues righteousness.

Proverbs 15:9 ESV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- The Lord *is* far from the wicked,
But He hears the prayer of the righteous.
Proverbs 15:29 NKJV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- To do righteousness and justice *Is* more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

Proverbs 21:3 NKJV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Isaiah 5:20 NKJV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. “So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.
Matthew 6:33-34 NASB

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.

Romans 13:12-14 NKJV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

2 Corinthians 7:1 NIV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:22-24 NIV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Ephesians 5:3-5 NIV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.

Ephesians 5:8-10 NIV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:8-9 NKJV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Colossians 3:5-10 NIV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- 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.

2 Timothy 2:22 NIV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- 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. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

1 Peter 1:13-16 NIV

9. God Calls Christians to Live Righteously

- For “He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

1 Peter 3:10-12 NKJV

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

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- Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in your power to do *it*. Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give *it*,” When you have it with you.

Proverbs 3:27-28 NASB

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- A friend loves at all times,
And a brother is born for adversity.
Proverbs 17:17 NKJV

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- He who answers before listening—
that is his folly and his shame.

Proverbs 18:13 NIV

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- A man's discretion makes him slow to anger,
And it is his glory to overlook a transgression.
Proverbs 19:11 NASB

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- Do not say, "I will do to him as he has done to me; I will pay the man back for what he has done."

Proverbs 24:29 ESV

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- These *are* the things you shall do: Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace; Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; And do not love a false oath. For all these *are things* that I hate,' Says the Lord.”

Zechariah 8:16-17 NKJV

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

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

Matthew 5:37 NKJV

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- “In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:12 NASB

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

Matthew 22:37-39 NKJV

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- “Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. “And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”

Luke 17:3-4 NASB

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another.

John 13:34-35 KJ2000

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:9-13 NIV

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Romans 12:16 NIV

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- Love is patient, love is kind *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong *suffered*, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails;
1 Corinthians 13:4-8a NASB

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2 NASB

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:9-10 ESV

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

Ephesians 4:25 NIV

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Ephesians 4:29 NKJV

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

Colossians 3:12-14 NASB

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

Colossians 3:18-21 NIV

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- Walk in wisdom toward those *who are* outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always *be* with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

Colossians 4:5-6 NKJV

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

1 Timothy 5:1-2 NIV

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

2 Timothy 2:23-26 NKJV

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

2 Timothy 4:1-2 NASB

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: . . . in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

Titus 2:1; 7-8 NKJV

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- My dear brothers, take note of this:
Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

James 1:19-20 NIV

10. How God Calls Christians to Love and Treat Others

- Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

1 Peter 1:22 NKJV

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- You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

1 Peter 3:7 NASB

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- Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

1 Peter 3:8 ESV

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- Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaint. As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Peter 4:8-10 NASB

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- By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:16-18 ESV

11. How God Calls Christians to Teach and Protect Their Families

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- "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 NKJV

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- Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Utterly abhor and detest it, for it is set apart for destruction.

Deuteronomy 7:26 NIV

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- I will set before my eyes no vile thing. The deeds of faithless men I hate; they will not cling to me. Men of perverse heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with evil.

Psalm 101:3-4 NIV

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- Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Proverbs 4:23 NIV

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- He who withholds his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently.

Proverbs 13:24 NASB

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- The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish tears it down with her own hands.

Proverbs 14:1 NASB

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- In the fear of the LORD
one has strong confidence,
and his children will have a refuge.

Proverbs 14:26 ESV

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- A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions.

Proverbs 18:2 NIV

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- Train up a child in the way he should go,
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6 NASB

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- The rod and reproof give wisdom,
But a child who gets his own way
brings shame to his mother.

Proverbs 29:15 NASB

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- “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘*You shall not commit adultery.*’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 5:27-28 NKJV

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- And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:2 NKJV

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■ “In your anger do not sin”:

Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

Ephesians 4:26-27 NIV

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- Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Ephesians 4:29 NKJV

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- Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, *Ephesians 5:25 NASB*

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- Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4 NIV

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- Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

Ephesians 6:10-12 NASB

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- See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.

Colossians 2:8 NASB

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- Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 NIV

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- Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15 NASB

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- Little children, guard yourselves from idols.
1 John 5:21 NASB

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- Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude 1:3-4 NKJV

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Deuteronomy 6:4-7 NKJV

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- A fool gives full vent to his anger,
but a wise man keeps himself under control.
Proverbs 29:11 NIV

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- All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Matthew 10:22 NIV

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- “Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.
Matthew 10:32-33 NIV

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- Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

Matthew 16:24 NKJV

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- And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

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- “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:34-35 NASB

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- Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

Acts 20:26-27 NKJV

12. How God Calls Christians to Represent Him

- Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Romans 12:16 ESV

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- Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak.

1 Corinthians 8:9 NIV

12. How God Calls Christians to Represent Him

- Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
1 Corinthians 10:31 NKJV

12. How God Calls Christians to Represent Him

- Be watchful,
stand firm in the faith,
act like men, be strong.
Let all that you do be done in love.
1 Corinthians 16:13-14 ESV

12. How God Calls Christians to Represent Him

- Bear one another's burdens,
and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:2 NASB

12. How God Calls Christians to Represent Him

- Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Ephesians 4:29 NKJV

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- Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Philippians 1:27 NASB

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- So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

Colossians 3:12-14 NASB

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- Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.
Colossians 4:5-6 NASB

12. How God Calls Christians to Represent Him

- And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15 NIV

12. How God Calls Christians to Represent Him

- Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

1 Timothy 4:16 NKJV

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- Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15 NASB

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- I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

2 Timothy 4:1-2 NASB

12. How God Calls Christians to Represent Him

- But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: . . . in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

Titus 2:1; 7-8 NKJV

12. How God Calls Christians to Represent Him

- Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Hebrews 12:14-15 NIV

12. How God Calls Christians to Represent Him

- Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1 Peter 2:11-12 NIV

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- But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

1 Peter 3:15-16 NIV