15 to 25

(A study of foundational character values to grow to be with God)

Topics:

1. Purpose
2. Freewill
3. Humility
4. (DWYSYWD) Integrity and Fidelity
5. The Greatest Commands
6. Ever Present Justice
7. Value in trials
8. Deficiency Driven vs Growth Driven
9. Jesus is God
10. Interacting/Communicating with Others
11. Money
12. Relationships (Friends, Marriage, Children)
13. Actions and Outcomes are undeniable evidence

Goal

The simple statement, “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37-40) is the 2nd greatest command and is the foundational building block of Spiritual wisdom. We always need to improve our understanding of how important it is to love your neighbor as yourself. This is one of the key reasons why this material was developed. There is one truth, one way, one life, but how we each live our life is uniquely ours. There is knowledge gained that we have a duty to pass to others as we pass through life. Your first focus should be you and your relationship with God. Your next focus should be people besides yourself...other people and their relationship with God. The Goal is to be with God.

Life is filled with good times and bad times. How you respond to each defines your character. Character cannot be faked or manipulated. Character is seen perfectly by God and is interpreted better by others than ourselves. The ages of 15 to 25 are critical for solidifying the kind of person you are. Once past 25, it takes life altering events to really drive much (if any) change to your character. Therefore, the time you spend getting to know yourself to identify your strengths and opportunities is critical to who you become. We all have strengths and opportunities for improvement in our lives. God gave us his Word and he gave us one another to help us on our journey to be with Him. Where you have a strength, someone has an opportunity that needs your strength. Where you have an opportunity, someone has a strength to help you improve as you grow to be with God. We genuinely need one another to reach the goal.

This material is a reflection from a generation that is looking back on the key things they have learned by the time they are in their 30’s and 40’s. Our goal is to share what we learned to help you do the best life you can do as you move toward being with God.

Purpose

There is a reason you exist, a reason you are here on this earth with these people. When we lose sight of this, bad things happen. Couple that with challenging events in life and you lose hope. Life without hope is hopeless. Life with purpose bears fruit. The question is, what kind of fruit will your life produce?

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What is your purpose (a.k.a, what is the reason you are striving for your goal)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How do trials play a role in building hope? (Rom 5:1-5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Some christians believe that thinking about their eternal purpose is a waste of time. Just live for the moment. My eternal destiny is secure so why bother myself with asking, “Why am I still here? I’ll worry about the things of heaven after I die.” What is good and what is bad about this perspective? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Read 1 Peter 1:13-25

What does it mean to prepare your mind for action? How? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What should we fear while on this earth? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

God uses Gold to appeal to temporary pleasures as opposed to eternal pleasures. What are some items of “Gold” for you? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What are the differences between Belief, Faith, and Hope? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Read 1 Peter 2:4-12

How can you be a living stone? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How can you be part of s spiritual house for a holy priesthood offering up spiritual sacrifices acciptable to God without bearing fruits of righteousness? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What do fruits of unrighteousness look like? (Rom 3:10-18; Phil 1:1-11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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(Do not answer until we answer in class) What is your purpose? How has it changed from what you first wrote?

Free Will

God created you and gave you free will. This is the one God given freedom that can never be taken away from you. Even in the most oppressing events throughout human history, people had the ability to choose their response to whatever was occuring. Whatever good or bad happens to you or has already happened to you, you choose how to respond. Even if you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice.

What is free will? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the cycles of free will that occurred in Gen 4:3-8? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Romans 8:1-11

Describe the limits or boundaries we have around our free will. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What free will choices do we have as we choose how to live? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Does the person living in the flesh or the person living in the Spirit ever lose free will? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What do we learn about free will from 1 Cor 10:12-13? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How does what we say reveal our will (Mt 12:33-37)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Romans 6

What choice(s) do you have and not have in death and life? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Does a slave have free will? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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(Do not answer until we answer in class) What is your free will? How has it changed from what you first wrote?

Humility

Humility is the key attribute that enables everything in our relationship to God. Satan continues to push the view of humility into weakness, humiliation, or anything to draw your attention away from its importance. Humility is not applied by God or a spiritual gift. Humility is a free will choice to the same extent as that of pride. Our perfect example of humility is Jesus. One cannot define humility without defining pride as the forces are ever present within man. Humility and Pride is Dependence on, Obedience to, Confidence in, and Works bearing service to God (Humility) or Self (Pride). There is no easy way for you to measure the attributes of humility and pride in your character, but your neighbors see it and God knows it perfectly. Do you know where you are humble and where you are prideful?

What is humility? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Gen 3:1-7

How does humility fit into the fall of man? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How did Satan appeal to pride? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How did free will play into the decision? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Phil 2:1-11

Is unity or humility the goal of Phil 2? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How do the verses change your definition of humility? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Why is Jesus the perfect example we have of humility? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How does Mt 7:12 relate to Phil 2:2-3? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What does Col 1:13-23 tell us about Christ? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Where is humility in the beatitudes? Mt. 5:1-12 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What did pride have to do with the rich young ruler who had done so much for God? Luke 18:18-30 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How are you serving God? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How are you serving yourself? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is humility? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Integrity and Fidelity

Actions speak louder than words. We all walk into church with our church face, but we all also do things we do not want people at church to know about. So, we put on our church face to protect our image. We say we act one way, but actually act another way. Your friendship with those who need you and whom you need is fractured without trust. Trust is fundamentally dependent upon “do what you say you will do” (DWYSYWD).

What is Integrity? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is Fidelity?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Without using the word “sin”, what is the one thing we all have in common? (Rom 3:23) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What does James 1:22-25 tell us about what we do? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What does James 4:17 have to do with how we treat others? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What is your favorite verse on Integrity? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Define faith without using Heb 11:1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How are belief, faith, and hope related? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What does humility have to do with faith? (Rom 12:3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What do your actions have to do with your faith? (James 2:14-17) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Is speaking an action? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Read Heb 11 for the remaining questions

Name two things you do not believe many christians know about faith.

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Are there both blessings and trials in faith? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How is the faith that we show unified with the faith of those under the old Law so that we both have the same promise? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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The Greatest Commandments

In Mt 22:37-40 Jesus responds to a lawyer trying to test Him. Jesus’ response gave us visibility into core attributes we must act on to have a relationship with God. The two commandments are foundational for the old testament and the new testament. They are everlasting spiritual truths that will never change. If we consistently strive to follow these commands, God will open our eyes to all the other attributes and opportunities we can take to know that we are with God so that we become confidently secure in our eternal salvation.

What are the two greatest commands?

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Does humility play a role in acting on these commands? How? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How do you depend on God justifying the ungodly? Rom 4:4-5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How do we show we love God (1Jn 5:1-5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Describe the heart \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the soul \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the mind \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who is your neighbor? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What virtues are we to have to prove we are loving our neighbor as ourself (Lev 19:9-18)

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How should we love ourselves in our walk with God? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What does James 4:17 teach us about how we should treat others? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Equality: Does loving our neighbor differ depending on if they are a christian? Should it?

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Should we treat our neighbor better or equal? How/Why? (Phil 2:1-3; Jn 22:39) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What is the primary goal in our relationship with God and with people? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Ever Present Justice

People are going to do things we think are wrong. Some of those things are genuinely sinful, but some (maybe even a majority) of those things are matters of opinion in which we would have chosen a different path if we were faced with the same choice. When opinion dominates, we are at risk of placing judgement against a person believing they are either in the right or wrong. Right and Wrong is defined by God. Man is constantly trying to change what is right and what is wrong to serve their own desired outcome, but God’s definition never changes. Showing Grace, Mercy, and Forgiveness to one another is not a denial of Justice, but the very confirmation that God has defined right, wrong, and the just consequences of each.

What is Righteousness \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is Mercy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is Grace \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is Forgiveness \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is Justice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who forgives sins? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Are you forgiving sins when you forgive another? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What is the point of forgiving another person? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Whose role is it to provide Justice? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How does God’s justice punish?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How does God’s justice restore? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What do you learn from 1 Pet 4:4-6 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What do we learn about the righteous souls God will judge in Mt 25:31-40? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What do we learn about the wicked souls God will judge in My 41-46 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Who are the players and what are their roles in John 15:1-11? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What does John 15:1-11 have to do with justice? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How should we judge others? Mt 7:1-5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How should we forgive others? Mt 6:14-15 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Value in Trials

It is natural to want to avoid trials/pain/struggles/oppression/affliction/tribulation/etc., but they will come. You can influence some (not all) trials you will face, but you cannot prevent trials from coming because trials are outside of your control. This is because we live in a sinful world where we are tempted to rely more on ourselves than God. We may only be able to influence some of the trials we face, but the one thing we control in all trials is how we will respond. In some cases the trial will never be solved in our lifetime, but we still choose how we respond. Trials should be used for growth in your journey to be with God. Do not let a trial define you, take control and use it to build you. There is great joy in growth toward being with God, even in a trial.

Rom 5:1-5

What is the glory of God and why do we hope for it (1Jn 3:2-3)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How does endurance produce character? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How does character produce hope? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Why would a trial be joyful? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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James 1:2-3

Will trials come? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What is being tested in our trials? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What does steadfastness produce? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How do you count the trial as joy/happiness? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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James 1:12-15

Why can God not tempt us? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Who is really performing the tempting? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the cycle of choices we are presented with from trial to death? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How does our choice to grow impact our brothers and sisters? (Eph 4:15-16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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James 1:5-8

What should we do when we do not understand why we have a trial? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What role does faith play in our trials? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Deficiency Driven vs Growth Driven

When a child is born they are dependent on parents for all needs. The newborn baby is deficiency driven because the child cannot provide for him or herself these foundational needs for life. As we grow into childhood we become less deficiency driven in many areas and become driven by the moment or what we can get out of each moment. In most aspects of adulthood we continue to be driven by needs and wants in the current moment, but God calls us to be ever growing to become like the perfect example he gave us, Jesus. God calls us to escape from the temporal joy of this world and focus on the eternal joy of the Spiritual world. The joy is in the journey of growing and becoming all you can be for God.

Deficiency:

Where did the need begin? Why? (Rom 3:23) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What is the just consequence? (Rom 6:23) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What do we need? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Living in the Now:

Is being baptized an ending, beginning, or a step? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What must stop and start once saved? (Rom 6; 1 Pet 1:22-2:3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Growing/Becoming all you can be:

How does love for our neighbor fit into our future? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What is the purpose of the saved child of God? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How should we treat our brothers/sisters in Christ? (Mk 3:33-35) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How should we treat brothers/sisters older or younger? (1 Tim 5:1-2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What should our love look like towards one another (Jn 15:12-17) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Does the journey have an ending? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Jesus is God

Who is Jesus? When was Jesus’ beginning? When was, is, or will Jesus' work be complete? These are hard questions, because who Jesus is...is impossible to limit with the restrictions of mankind, which we are very familiar with. Jesus was 100% man and 100% God. That is a bold statement and the first time we heard it we questioned if it was true or if we should start correcting the one who said it. It turns out that many people question it. In fact there are religions who call themselves Christians that firmly stand against Jesus being anymore than a prophet of God. How can one be 100% of two different beings? Isn’t there only one God?

Why does God use “us” and “our” in Gen 1:26 & 3:22? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Why would the stones cry out? What would they cry? (Luke 19:38-40) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Does Jesus have a beginning and/or end? Why? Any verse to support your answer? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Where did Jesus come from? (Phil 2:5-8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Where did Jesus go? (Phil 2:9-11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What is Jesus doing? (Rom 8:34; 1Jn 2:1-2; Jn 14:1-4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What about this Spirit? (Rom 8:9-11; Jn 15:26; Jn 14:15-31) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How does Jn 14:5-14 show Jesus is God? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How are the Father, Son, and Spirit one God? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Compare Rev 1:8 with Rev 22:13. Who is the Alpha and Omega? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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If Jesus is not God, what would be some key things that would need to change in the scripture? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Interacting/Communicating with Others

God gave us the perfect example in all things through Jesus, that includes communicating and interacting with others. With Spiritual knowledge comes understanding and wisdom that the world does not have, nor do they want. There is a strange thing about truth, unless people are actively seeking truth, they do not care to hear it. This is especially true when truth would demand an answer or change in the hearer. Jesus had all wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. He could read the thoughts of other hearts and knows truth perfectly, because he is truth. Imagine what you and I would do in our interaction with others having all wisdom and truth. We would always be right and anyone who disagreed would always be wrong. That was true for Jesus, but that is not the tone with which Jesus spoke to man. This is because Jesus met mankind where man and woman needed to be met to help all find truth.

What is truth? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What is our goal in interaction with others? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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John 4:1-26

Describe the relationship before a word was spoken \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How would you have responded to the woman’s comment in vs12? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How did Jesus use all knowledge in vs16-18? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How was the trust between the woman and Jesus strengthened in vs19-26? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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James 4:11-12

Describe what a “judge of the law” looks like? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Is this teaching limited to only our brothers and sisters in Christ? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What does Gal 6:1-5 teach us about judging others? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What do these verses teach us about how we strengthen relationships with others?

Phil 2:4 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Eph 4:29 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

James 1:19-20 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Heb 10:24-25 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Eph 4:2-3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Money

Money is neither good nor evil. It can be either a blessing or a curse, but not without us seeking or using it. Money is a standard accepted by a majority as a common means to barter, trade, negotiate, sell, etc. It is what each of us does to gain or use that defines our character. Those actions seen or unseen from others form our character. It is also what we do in the absence or abundance of which defines our character. 1 Tim 6:10 is one of the most mis-quoted scriptures, but is also one of the most revealing scriptures as how we view money is undeniable evidence of whom we serve.

What do you want within 1yr, 5yrs, 10yrs? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What roles does money play in you achieving these goals? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How do we try to serve two masters (Mt 6:24) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What is the difference in worshiping wealth and worshiping with our wealth? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What does Phil 4:10-13 teach us about how we should view money? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How does our use of money reveal our character? Lk 16:10-13 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What happens to the person who dies with a large amount of savings and possessions? Ps 49:10-12 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is the good and bad of debt? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What is the good and bad of investing? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What is the good and bad in giving? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What do we learn from 1Tim 6:6-12 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How are we like the rich young ruler? Mt 19:21-26 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What does wealth have to do with how we respond Mt 13:22 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What do you need to work on after reading Mt 6:19-34? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Relationships

Some people are introverts and some are extroverts, but areas of comfort by yourself or with others is only one of many traits you have. God’s word has a goal of changing our core desire to seek Him. Desiring God has to be developed, it is not a natural state.He truly is in everything that is good. He is also in the hearts of many good people, which should result in us seeking to be with others who seek to put God first. This leads to deep relationships that depend on one another throughout life. Some of these relationships will be friends. One of these could become a spouse. In marriage, you can have children which will challenge you in ways you never thought of because you do not get to pick the personality of who your child is and you begin to learn to love as God loves, helping them grow to be all they can be for God. All of us fall short and need help. This is where true relationships thrive.

Describe your closest friend(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How has your friend helped you beyond what your family could do? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How do your friends influence you...good and bad? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How is the fruit of the Spirit used in marriage (Gal 5:22-23)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How are others helping you mature (Rom 12:1-2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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What is the goal of marriage? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How important is your spouse's relationship with God when considering marriage? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does Eph 5:22-33 teach us? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What does 1 Cor 7:1-5 teach us? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What do children teach you? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What is the goal of parenting? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Why do we end up hurting the ones we should be protecting? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Actions and Outcomes are Undeniable Evidence

What are you proud of that you accomplished or set out to do? The honest answer to this question says a lot. It can even be hard to share your honest answer with those closest to you because it reveals what you truly care about or it reveals that you are not being honest with yourself. Even those closest to you are reserved to challenge your answer to this as it is likely not worth the friction, fight, or disagreement. People can say a lot of things, stand for a lot of things, earn titles for a lot of things, etc. What really matters in all of that is what is produced. The outcome is undeniable reflection of how you acted, who you really are, and what you really stand for. You cannot change the past. You cannot control the future. What you have control of is right now.

What are some good and bad actions you have taken in your life? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What character traits did you show that led you to these outcomes? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What do we learn from Mt 5:33-37 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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James 1:19-27

Is there a place for anger? What/When? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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At what point does the action occur? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Describe the steps for you between hearing and acting. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How does the law of liberty guide you? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Is speaking an action? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

James 2:14-26

Describe the relationship of belief, faith, and works \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What does it mean to be “accounted to him by righteousness”? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What are some examples where we speak in faith, but do not follow it with works? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What do we learn about thinking, saying, and doing from Mt 21:28-32 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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