

The Power of God's Word

Lesson 5

Power To Overcome Our Habitual Sins

The Power of God's Word

1. The living and active Word
2. The foolishness and weakness of God
3. Power to save us
4. Power to transform us
5. Power to overcome our habitual sins
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8. Power to raise us to eternal life

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Power To Transform Us

1. Why do Christians need to be transformed?
2. Into whom does God desire for us to be transformed?
3. How does God transform us by the power of His Word?

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How Does God Transform Us By The Power Of His Word?

1. He transforms us by His gracious powerful Word as we believe and obey Him
2. Consider yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus
3. Fight sin at the point of temptation
4. Present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God

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How Does God Transform Us By The Power Of His Word?

5. We can only be transformed through trials
6. Rejoice be thankful prayerful and content in serving God each day
7. Overcome the past and go forward through obedient faith in Christ
8. Practice righteousness and be thankful for God's blessings in Christ

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Introduction

- Despite our best efforts with the Lord's help, we can find that some sins in our lives are harder to overcome than others
- Some habitual sins can persist for years making us feel like it is impossible for us to rid ourselves of these sins
- Often, these habitual sins are only known to us and God

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Introduction

- Thankfully, we realize we will be saved by His grace not by our sinless obedience
- But, we also know we must learn to obey His will, responding to His grace, because we can be lost after once being saved if we remain enslaved again to sin
- How can we, with God's help, help each other to overcome habitual sins?
- Sadly, often our relationships are only active when we assemble together

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Introduction

- Also, because of pride, fear or some other reason, we may not seek the help of a mature Christian
- Or, when we seek their help, they may, because of immaturity or sinful attitudes, not be prepared and able to help us
- None of us is so matured in faith that we do not fight on some level with sin in our lives

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Trusting Obeying Faith Condition To Receive God's Gracious Gift of Salvation

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

Eph 2:9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

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Trusting Obeying Faith Condition To Receive God's Gracious Gift of Salvation

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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Trusting Obeying Faith Condition To Receive God's Gracious Gift of Salvation

Rom 6:17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

Rom 6:18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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As Christians We Still Struggle with Sins Some More Than Others

- We remember how we rejoiced when we became a Christian, God forgave us of all past sins by Jesus' blood
- Although we are improving, growing spiritually in Christ, we still struggle with certain sins
- With what sins do you struggle?
- Our relationship with God changed but our character in Christ still is forming

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Much Rejoicing When We Became A Christian

Act 16:27 When the jailer awoke and saw the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.

Act 16:28 But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!"

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Much Rejoicing When We Became A Christian

Act 16:29 And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas,

Act 16:30 and after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Act 16:31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

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Much Rejoicing When We Became A Christian

Act 16:32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house.

Act 16:33 And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household.

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Much Rejoicing When We Became A Christian

Act 16:34 And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household.

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Have Been Growing In Christ But We Still Struggle With Certain Sins

2Pe 3:17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness,

2Pe 3:18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

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Have Been Growing In Christ But We Still Struggle With Certain Sins

1Co 9:24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.

1Co 9:25 Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

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Have Been Growing In Christ But We Still Struggle With Certain Sins

1Co 9:26 Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air;

1Co 9:27 but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

Gal 4:19 My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you--

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We Must Take Our Sins Seriously

- Sin has always been our greatest problem
- Unlike the world that minimizes or denies sin, we must take our sins seriously
- Whether we do evil or fail to do good, all sins are deadly offenses against God who is holy, just, loving and merciful
- Jesus has died not only to satisfy God's wrath against sin but provide mercy to the sinner

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We Must Take Our Sins Seriously

Rom 1:28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

Rom 1:29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips,

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We Must Take Our Sins Seriously

Rom 1:30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

Rom 1:31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;

Rom 1:32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

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We Must Take Our Sins Seriously

Gal 5:19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,

Gal 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,

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We Must Take Our Sins Seriously

Gal 5:21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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We Must Take Our Sins Seriously

1Co 6:9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,

1Co 6:10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

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We Must Take Our Sins Seriously

1Co 6:11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

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We Must Take Our Sins Seriously

1Jn 3:4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

Jas 4:17 Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

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We Must Take Our Sins Seriously

Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

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We Must Take Our Sins Seriously

Heb 12:2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Heb 12:3 For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

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Sin If Unchecked Gets Progressively Worse

- Often, we might treat sinful desires as harmless as long as we do not openly act upon them
- But uncontrolled sinful thinking and desires will lead us further into sin often becoming enslaved to sin
- Just like there are what we call gateway drugs, there are also gateway sins that if unchecked will produce other related sins

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Sin If Unchecked Gets Progressively Worse

Jas 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

Jas 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

Jas 1:15 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

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Sin If Unchecked Gets Progressively Worse

Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Eph 4:32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

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Sin If Unchecked Gets Progressively Worse

1Jn 5:14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

1Jn 5:15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

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Sin If Unchecked Gets Progressively Worse

1Jn 5:16 If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that he should make request for this.

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Sin If Unchecked Gets Progressively Worse

Gal 2:11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

Gal 2:12 For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision.

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Sin If Unchecked Gets Progressively Worse

Gal 2:13 The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.

Gal 2:14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

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Sin If Unchecked Gets Progressively Worse

Act 8:18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money,

Act 8:19 saying, "Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

Act 8:20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!"

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Sin If Unchecked Gets Progressively Worse

Act 8:21 "You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right before God.

Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

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Sin If Unchecked Gets Progressively Worse

Act 8:23 "For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity."

Act 8:24 But Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me yourselves, so that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

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Rekindle Our Love For Jesus

Rev 2:4 'But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

Rev 2:5 'Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place--unless you repent.

Joh 14:15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

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Keep Reading The Scriptures, Worshipping and Encouraging One Another

Heb 10:24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

Heb 10:25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

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Keep Reading The Scriptures, Worshipping
and Encouraging One Another

1Ti 4:12 Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

1Ti 4:13 Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching.

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Keep Reading The Scriptures, Worshipping
and Encouraging One Another

1Ti 4:16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

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Keep Reading The Scriptures, Worshipping
and Encouraging One Another

Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Keep Reading The Scriptures, Worshipping
and Encouraging One Another

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

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Keep Reading The Scriptures, Worshipping
and Encouraging One Another

Joh 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Joh 3:19 "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

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Keep Reading The Scriptures, Worshipping
and Encouraging One Another

Joh 3:20 "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

Joh 3:21 "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

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Change Our Environment and Friends

Rom 13:11 Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.

Rom 13:12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

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Change Our Environment and Friends

Rom 13:13 Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy.

Rom 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

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Change Our Environment and Friends

Rom 6:11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Rom 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,

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Change Our Environment and Friends

Rom 6:13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

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Change Our Environment and Friends

1Co 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.

1Co 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

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Change Our Environment and Friends

1Co 10:14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

1Co 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

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Change Our Environment and Friends

1Pe 4:1 Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,
1Pe 4:2 so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

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Change Our Environment and Friends

1Pe 4:3 For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries.

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Change Our Environment and Friends

1Pe 4:4 In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you;
1Pe 4:5 but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

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Change Our Environment and Friends

Rom 12:9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.
Rom 12:10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

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Change Our Environment and Friends

Rom 12:11 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;
Rom 12:12 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,
Rom 12:13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

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6. Keep reading the Scriptures, worshipping and encouraging one another
7. Change our environment and friends

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Confess Your Sins To God and One Another and Pray For One Another

- We need to specifically confess our sins to God who knows already about all our sins
- Often, general confession of sins leads to a general repentance with no real change
- Repentance is a change of mind that leads us to turn from our sins to God
- When needful, we confess to one another and pray for one another to help us overcome our habitual sins

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Confess Your Sins To God and One Another and Pray For One Another

- Let us find a brother or sister we can trust and let us be brethren who are humble and trustworthy
- Also, as time passes we need to follow-up and hold one another accountable, rejoicing in progress but patient in setbacks
- Sometimes, public confession is needed if sin has reached a public level

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Confessing Our Specific Sins To God Repenting Toward Him

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Act 20:21 solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Confessing Our Specific Sins To God Repenting Toward Him

2Co 7:9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

2Co 7:10 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

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Confess Our Sins To God and One Another and Pray For One Another

Jas 5:13 Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises.

Jas 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;

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Confess Our Sins To God and One Another and Pray For One Another

Jas 5:15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.

Jas 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

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Those Who Are Able Let Us Be The Spiritual Christians That Can Bear Others' Burdens

Gal 6:1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

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

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Those Who Are Able Let Us Be The Spiritual Christians That Can Bear Others' Burdens

Gal 6:3 For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

Gal 6:4 But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another.

Gal 6:5 For each one will bear his own load.

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Pray With One Another For Forgiveness and Change By The Gospel

Col 1:9 For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

Col 1:10 so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

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Col 1:11 strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously

Col 1:12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

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Follow-up Rejoicing In Progress and Patiently Warning and Praying In Setbacks

1Co 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant,

1Co 13:5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,

1Co 13:6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

1Co 13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 72

Follow-up Rejoicing In Progress and Patiently Warning and Praying In Setbacks

Heb 3:12 Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God.

Heb 3:13 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.

Heb 3:14 For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,

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Jas 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

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Public Confession Needed When Sin Reaches A Public Level

Act 19:18 Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices.

Act 19:19 And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Act 19:20 So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing.

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Keep Busy Serving God, One Another and The World

Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Act 2:44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common;

Act 2:45 and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

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Keep Busy Serving God, One Another and The World

Act 2:46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

Act 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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Keep Busy Serving God, One Another and The World

Gal 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Gal 5:14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

Gal 5:15 But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

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Keep Busy Serving God, One Another and The World

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Gal 5:23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Gal 5:24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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Keep Busy Serving God, One Another and The World

Gal 6:9 Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

Gal 6:10 So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

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God Is For Us and Makes It Possible For Us To Conquer All

Rom 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

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Rom 8:30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Rom 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

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God Is For Us and Makes It Possible For Us To Conquer All

Rom 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Rom 8:33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

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Rom 8:34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Rom 8:35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

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Rom 8:36 Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

Rom 8:37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

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Rom 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

Rom 8:39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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1Jn 1:7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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God Is For Us and Makes It Possible For Us To Conquer All

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

Eph 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love

Eph 1:5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

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God Is For Us and Makes It Possible For Us To Conquer All

Eph 1:6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

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7. Change our environment and friends
8. Confess our sins to God and one another and pray for one another
9. Keep busy serving God, one another and the world
10. God is for us and makes it possible for us to conquer all