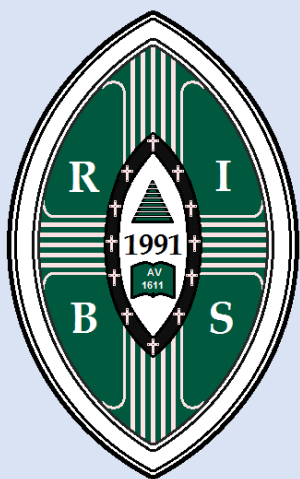


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Matthew 4

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Matthew 6

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Matthew 10

24 The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.  
25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?

Matthew 12

18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.

Matthew 18

23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.  
24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

29 And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

31 So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee?

34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the

tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Matthew 20

27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

Matthew 23

11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

Matthew 25

14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

20 And so he that had received five talents came and

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brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Mark 10

44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

Luke 12

35 Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;

36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have

suffered his house to be broken through.

40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.



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Luke 16

13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Luke 17

7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?

8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?

9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.

10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

Luke 19

10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.

12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.

15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:

21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:

23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank,

that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds.

25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.)

26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.

Luke 22

26 But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

27 For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

John 2

9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

John 12

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

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John 18

36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Acts 16

17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

Acts 20

19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

Romans 6

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members

servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Romans 7

6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Romans 12

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

Romans 14

4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

Romans 16

1 I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea:

1 Corinthians 7

21 Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather.

22 For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant.

23 Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.

1 Corinthians 9

19 For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

Galatians 1

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

Galatians 5

13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

1 Thessalonians 1

9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

1 Timothy 6

1 Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their

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own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

2 Timothy 2

24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of

the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

1 Peter 2

16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

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### Introduction

## CLASS 205 CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES OF SERVICE

This class supplies the commandments of Christ in respect to being a good servant or a minister of Jesus Christ, and how these commandments are important in proper Leadership. All who believe should be servants and develop a servant's heart and work; but especially men in the ministry need to be ensamples to all people of a Christ-like servant.

“Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28), so we need also to minister and give our lives to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

The work of the ministry attracts some men who want to be lords (i.e., exercise dominion) over others. These men ought to never enter the ministry. Jesus said in Matthew 20:25-28:

25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.  
26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;  
27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:  
28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

We want our students and teachers to be great among us. And to be great, they must be humble and minister in love.

Jesus introduced to mankind the concept of *Servant-Leadership*. In this worldly age the idea may seem to be popular in some areas, but generally when the world uses the concept it is but hollow speech. What is more accurate is that “*the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion,*” though they talk of caring for the masses.

True *Servant-Leadership* is found in the followers of Jesus Christ. Jesus gave to some (the first churches), apostles, and to others he gave prophets. To others (churches that came later) he gave evangelists, pastors, and teachers (Ephesians 4:11). However, we also note that the purpose and work of these men, regardless of their titles, are all the same:

- For the perfecting of the saints
- For the work of the ministry
- For the edifying of the body of Christ

The perfecting of the saints is done through the ministry of the word (Acts 6:4), specifically preaching the gospel and teaching; and prayer – see 2 Corinthians 7:1; Colossians 1:28; 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:17; Hebrews 6:1; 10:14; etc.

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The work of the ministry is the actual work involved in *serving* (2 Corinthians 4:1; 2 Timothy 4:5) and requires preaching the gospel and serving others in love (Galatians 5:13). The word *ministry* itself means to serve.

The edifying of the body of Christ is also done through preaching (1 Corinthians 14:3, 50; Ephesians 4:29) and is accomplished by putting other first (Romans 14:19; 15:2). A Minister must use his knowledge and words to build up others, not destroy them (2 Corinthians 10:8; 13:10). We have already seen too much of this type of destructive preaching in our short lives.

The apostles were given authority (2 Corinthians 10:8) and power (2 Corinthians 13:10) for the edification of the believers. But this power was to be used rightly, and not for destruction. It is by charity that one is edified (1 Corinthians 8:1). As leaders, we will give an account (Hebrews 13:17; James 3:1).

The *Servant-Leader* must learn this ability to serve rightly from Christ using the Scriptures and the Spirit of God – he must allow God to use him to build up people, not destroy; to serve, not to lord over; to love and not hinder believers.

### The Connection of Doctrine to Love Commandment Doctrine

The two most important commandments of Christ (and of the Old Testament) are to love God and love your neighbor.

Because these two precepts are so fundamental, they transcend into every other Commandment of Christ. They can be considered not only the first and foremost commandments, but fundamental to *salvation* and Christian *service* – 1 John 3:22-24 says:

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

When we obey the commandment to believe on Jesus Christ, we have everlasting life – John 6:47: “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.”

Obedying Jesus is how we show we love Jesus and God – John 14:21: “He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.”

Jesus supplies the motivation in John 14:15: “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” Jesus supplies the promise in obeying in John 15:10: “If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love.”

In Galatians 5:13, Paul says: “For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.” If we are to serve rightly, the work must be connected to love.

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1 Corinthians 13:3: “And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.” No amount of service profits unless it is done with charity.

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### Lesson 1: Jesus is the Great Servant

#### I. Jesus Came to Seek and to Save that which was Lost

- A. Luke 19:10 – For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.
- B. Luke 15:6 – And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.
- C. Matthew 20:28 – Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.
- D. Mark 10:45 – For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.
- E. Soul-winning is the greatest work of love and service – John 3:16

#### II. Jesus Exemplified Being a Servant of God and a Servant of Man

- A. Jesus showed us what it is to be a great servant.
- B. Matthew 4:10 – Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.
- C. Jesus' doctrine contains commandments for us to be a servants.
- D. Love Commandment Doctrine contains service to God and to man.
- E. Matthew 6:24 – No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
- F. Galatians 5:13 – For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.
- G. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- H. Jesus came to minister – Matthew 20:28

#### III. Jesus Washed the Disciples' Feet as an Example for Us

- A. John 13:1 – Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.
- B. 2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;
- C. 3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;
- D. 4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.
- E. 5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.
- F. 6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?
- G. 7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.
- H. 8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

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- I. 9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.
- J. 10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.
- K. 11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.
- L. 12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?
- M. 13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.
- N. 14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.
- O. 15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.
- P. 16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.
- Q. 17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

### IV. **Lesson from Above**

- A. Jesus loved his own until the end.
- B. Jesus washed the disciples' feet, which was a job for the lowliest of servants.
- C. Washing feet symbolizes our need to wash our feet (spiritually) as we walk through this world, confessing our sins as we go – 1 John 1:9
- D. If our Master and Lord washed the disciples' feet, we ought also to wash one another's feet.
- E. Jesus gave an example for us to do. There are many other ways to serve one another.
- F. The servant is not greater than his Lord, so we should do as he commands.
- G. We should understand that we will be happy when we serve.

### V. **Other Ways the Lord Served**

- A. Ministered the gospel
- B. Gave his life for a ransom
- C. Fed the multitudes
- D. Prepared bread fish for the disciples – John 21:9
- E. Healed the sick
- F. Cast out devils
- G. Did his Father's business – Luke 2:49
- H. Honored his parents and was subject unto them (Luke 2:51)

### VI. **Jesus Served with Love and Compassion**

- A. John 11:5 – Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.
- B. John 13:34 – A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
- C. Joh 14:31 – But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.
- D. John 15:9 – As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.



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### **VII. The Greatest Among You is Your Servant**

- A. Matthew 18:1 – At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
- B. 2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,
- C. 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- D. 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
- E. Matthew 20:25 – But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.
- F. 26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;
- G. Mark 10:42 – But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.
- H. 43 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:
- I. Luke 9:46 – Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest.
- J. 47 And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him,
- K. 48 And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.

### **VIII. The Son of Man Came to Seek and to Save Because of Obedience and Compassion**

- A. Luke 19:10 – For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.
- B. John 6:39 – And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.
- C. John 8:29 – And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.
- D. Matthew 20:28 – Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.
- E. Mark 10:45 – For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.
- F. Matthew 14:14 – And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

### **IX. Jesus Taught and Lived the Good Samaritan**

- A. Luke 10:29 – But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?
- B. 30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.
- C. 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

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- D. 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.
- E. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,
- F. 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
- G. 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.
- H. 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?
- I. 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

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### Lesson 2: Why is Jesus the Great Servant?

#### I. The Commandment of God to Love God

- A. Matthew 22:37
- B. Mark 12:30
- C. Luke 10:27

#### II. Jesus Is the Great Ensampler to Follow

- A. Matthew 4:19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
- B. Matthew 8:22 But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.
- C. Matthew 9:9 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.
- D. Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
- E. Matthew 19:21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.
- F. Mark 2:14 And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.
- G. Mark 8:34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
- H. Mark 10:21 – Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.
- I. Luke 5:27 – And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me.
- J. Luke 9:23 – And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.
- K. 59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.
- L. Luke 18:22 – Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.
- M. John 1:43 – The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.
- N. John 10:27 – My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:
- O. John 12:26 – If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.
- P. John 13:36 – Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.
- Q. John 21:19 – This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

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### III. **Jesus is the Perfection of Humility**

- A. Matthew 11:29 – Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
- B. Matthew 21:5 – Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.
- C. Philippians 2:3 – Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
- D. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
- E. 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- F. 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- G. 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- H. 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- I. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- J. 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
- K. 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### IV. **Jesus' Entire Ministry Shows His Servant's Heart**

- A. Moved with Compassion
- B. Easily entreated
- C. Driven by love
- D. A servant to all
- E. No respect of persons
- F. Did not speak at trial
- G. Laid his life down for us
- H. No grudge attitude
- I. Did his Father's will

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### Lesson 3: Why Should We Follow Jesus as the Great Servant?

#### I. To Be a Great Servant We Must Follow the Master

- A. Luke.16:13 – No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
- B. Matthew 10:24 – The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.
- C. Matthew 23:8 – But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.
- D. 10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.
- E. John.13:13 – Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.
- F. 14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

#### II. To Be Profitable We Must Follow the Master

- A. Matthew 4:19 – And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
- B. John 10:27 – My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:
- C. 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.
- D. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.
- E. 1 Corinthians 15:58 – Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.
- F. Matthew 19:29 – And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.
- G. Mark 10:30 – But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

#### III. To Have Right Understanding We Must Follow the Master

- A. John 7:15 – And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?
- B. 16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.
- C. 17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.
- D. 18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.
- E. Psalms 111:10 – The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.
- F. John.8:12 – Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

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### IV. To Have the Honor of the Father We Must Follow Jesus

- A. John 12:26 – If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.
- B. Matthew 3:17 -- And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

### V. To Have True Fulfillment We Must Follow Jesus

- A. John 10:10 – The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
- B. Mark 8:36 – For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?
- C. Luke 12:15 – And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

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### Lesson 4: No Man Can Serve Two Masters

#### I. No Man Can Serve Two Masters

- A. Matthew 6:24 – No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
- B. Luke 16:13 – No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
- C. Hate or Love
- D. Hold or despise
- E. God or mammon
- F. Joshua 24:15 – And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

#### II. Our God is a Jealous God

- A. Exodus 20:5 – Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;
- B. Exodus 34:14 – For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:
- C. Deuteronomy 4:24 – For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.
- D. Deuteronomy 5:9 – Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me,
- E. Deuteronomy 6:15 – (For the LORD thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

#### III. God Does Not Want Divided Allegiance

- A. Revelation 3:15 – I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.
- B. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.
- C. Luke 9:62 – And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

#### IV. Jesus to Be Preeminent in All Things

- A. Jesus takes place of Top Priority

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- B. Acts 10:36 – The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)
- C. Matthew 10:37 – He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
- D. Colossians 1:16 – For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
- E. 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.
- F. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.
- G. Romans 14:11 – For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.
- H. Philippians 2:10 – That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

### V. **We Tend to Become Like our God**

- A. Human nature is to imitate the God he follows.
- B. Imitation is the greatest form of flattery.
- C. Romans 8:29 – For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
- D. Romans 12:2 – And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

### VI. **Things that Divide Our Loyalty to Christ**

- A. World
- B. Self
- C. Devil
- D. Flesh
- E. Things
- F. Pleasure
- G. Others
- H. Family – father, mother, etc.

### VII. **How to Measure Allegiance to Christ**

- A. Not 50-50 but 100-0
- B. Allegiance to God before man
- C. Serve God and obey God rather than man – Acts 5:29
- D. Eye should be single – Matthew 6:22; Luke 11:34
- E. No excuses – I cannot come – Luke 14:16-20
- F. Excuses include possessions, profession, or persons



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### **VIII. Followers of Christ Choose**

- A. Faith instead of Fear
- B. Boldness instead of Shame
- C. Gospel Preaching instead of One's Own Agenda
- D. Minister to Christ instead of Fun, Fame, Females, etc.
- E. Die rather than Deny Christ
- F. Lord's work instead of Comfort
- G. God's Nature instead of Human Nature

### **IX. Follower of Christ are Fishers of Men**

- A. Jesus is a Fisher of men
- B. He will make us fishers of men
- C. A follower of Christ will be a fisher o men
- D. One who is not a fisher of men is not a follower of Jesus Christ
- E. We labor to be accepted of Jesus Christ – 2 Corinthians 5:9
- F. We shall give account at the Judgment Seat of Christ – 2 Corinthians 5:10
- G. Knowing the terror of the Lord we persuade men – 2 Corinthians 5:12
- H. Love of Christ constrains us – 2 Corinthians 5:14
- I. We have the ministry of Reconciliation – 2 Corinthians 5:18

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### **Lesson 5: The Servant is Not Greater than his Master**

#### **I. The Servant is Not Greater than his Master**

- A. John 13:16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.
- B. John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.
- C. Matthew 10:24 – The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.
- D. 25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?
- E. Jesus is Perfect and Highest (unobtainable) standard – it is a lifelong effort to be conformed to our Master.
- F. Only one is Good, and that is God – Mark 10:18

#### **II. The Servant Learns from His Master**

- A. The word of God
- B. Jesus' Commandments
- C. Jesus' Life and Testimony
- D. Holy Spirit is our Teacher
- E. My sheep hear my voice, and they follow me.

#### **III. Jesus Gave Pastors and Teachers – Ephesians 4**

- A. Ephesians 4:11 – And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- B. 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
- C. 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
- D. 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- E. 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
- F. 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

#### **IV. Comments on Above Passage**

- A. Apostles were given to some

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- B. Prophets given to some
- C. Evangelist were given to some
- D. Pastors and teachers given to some
- E. Today we have pastors, teachers, and evangelist<sup>2</sup>
- F. All have same three-fold ministry work:
  - 1. Perfecting of the saints
  - 2. Work of the ministry
  - 3. Edifying of the body of Christ
- G. All have the same objectives:
  - 1. Unity of the faith
  - 2. Knowledge of the Son of God
  - 3. That we be no more children
- H. Tossed to and fro, carried with every wind of doctrine, being deceived
- I. By speaking the truth in love, increasing of the body, unto the edifying of itself in love

### V. **Call No Man Master**

- A. Call not man on earth master, rabbi, father
- B. Matthew 23:8 – But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.
- C. 9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.
- D. 10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.
- E. Rabbi – see John 1:38 – means *master*
- F. Father (the heavenly Father) – mentioned in the Sermon on the Mount 17 times
- G. Master – see John 3:1, 10 – means *ruler*

### VI. **Beware of Pride**

- A. 1 Timothy 3:6 – Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
- B. 1 John 2:16 – For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
- C.
- D. Mark 7:20 – And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.
- E. 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,
- F. 22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:
- G. 23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.
- H. Pride was Lucifer's error and the reason for his fall:
- I. Isaiah 14:9 – Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.
- J. 10 All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?
- K. 11 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

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- L. 12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!
- M. 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
- N. 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.
- O. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.
- P. 16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;
- Q. 17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?
- R. James 4:6 – But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.
- S. 1 Peter 5:5 – Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

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### Lesson 6: A Servant Can be as His Master

#### I. It is Enough for the Disciple that he be as his Master

- A. Matthew 10:25 – It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?
- B. “As his master” – verb “as” means he follows Jesus.
- C. “As his lord” – verb “as” means he follows his Lord.
- D. Not saying he is at the same level but having the same works.
- E. Such imitation means they receive the same reproach.

#### II. Every One that is Perfect shall be as His Master

- A. Luke 6:40 – The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.
- B. A disciple cannot be above his Master.
- C. But one who is perfect is as his Master.
- D. “As his Master” means doing the same works – following Jesus.
- E. *Perfect* is not sinless or without fault. *Perfect* means complete, mature, lacking nothing.

#### III. When We See Jesus We Will Be Like Him

- A. Resurrected body
- B. 1 John 3:1 – Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
- C. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
- D. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.
- E. Read 1 Corinthians 15:42-58

#### IV. Jesus’ Resurrected Body Has Flesh, Bones, and Wounds

- A. Luke 24:39 – Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.
- B. 40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.
- C. John 20:19 – Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.
- D. 20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

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### Lesson 7: Why Service is Motivated by Love

#### I. By Love Serve One Another

- A. Galatians 5:13 – For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.
- B. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- C. Galatians 5:6 – For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.
- D. Faith is shown by love. Love is shown (executed) by Serving.
- E. We can only serve rightly when we serve in love.

#### II. Keep Commandments to Show Love

- A. John 14:15 – If ye love me, keep my commandments.
- B. Luke 17:7 – But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?
- C. 8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?
- D. 9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.
- E. 10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.
- F. *Charity* is God's love working through us.

#### III. Use Not Liberty for an Occasion to the Flesh

- A. We shall be judged by the Law of Liberty
- B. James 2:8 – If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:
- C. 9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.
- D. 10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.
- E. 11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.
- F. 12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.
- G. 13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

#### IV. Areas of Service

- A. Family
- B. Church
- C. Interchurch

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- D. Work of the ministry
- E. Deacons
- F. Prayer and ministry of the word
- G. Make disciples – John 14:15; Matthew 28
- H. Hebrews 13:17 – Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.
- I. James 3:1 – My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.
- J. 2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.
- K. Speaking the truth in love
- L. 1 Corinthians 15:58 – Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.
- M. Endure ministry by laboring in love

**Lesson 8: What is the Right Heart to Have in Christian Service?**

**I. Serve with the Right Heart**

- A. Jesus has the right heart – Love – John 15:9
- B. Compassion – Matthew 9:36
- C. Meek and lowly in heart – Matthew 11:29
- D. Luke 16:15 – And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

**II. Men Speak out of the Abundance of their Heart**

- A. Matthew 12:34 – O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.
- B. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

**III. Out of the Heart Come all the issues of Life**

- A. Believe with the heart to be Saved
- B. Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also – Matthew 6:21
- C. Matthew 15:8 – This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.
- D. Matthew 18:35 – So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.
- E. Matthew 19:8 – He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.
- F. Matthew 22:37 – Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
- G. Matthew 24:48 – But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;
- H. Acts 8:37 – And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

**IV. Out of the Heart a Man is Defiled**

- A. Lust in the heart is the same as committing adultery – Matthew 5:28
- B. People think evil in their hearts – Matthew 9:4
- C. Matthew 15:16 – And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding?
- D. 17 Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?
- E. 18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.



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- F. 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:
- G. 20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

### V. The Heart is Deceitful

- A. Mark 3:5 – And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.
- B. Mark 16:14 – Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.
- C. John 13:2 – And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;
- D. Acts 8:21 – Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

### VI. The Heart is Purified by Faith

- A. The pure in heart see God – Matthew 5:8
- B. Acts 15:8 – And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;
- C. 9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.
- D. Romans 5:5 – And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.
- E. Romans 10:9 – That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
- F. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- G. 2 Corinthians 1:22 – Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.
- H. Galatians 4:6 – And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.
- I. Ephesians 3:17 – That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
- J. John 14:1 – Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
- K. 27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
- L. 1 Timothy 1:5 – Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:
- M. 2 Timothy 2:22 – Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
- N. 1 Peter 1:22 – Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

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### VII. Other Attributes that are Associated with Serving with a Good Heart

- A. Love
- B. Willingly
- C. Humbly
- D. Servant
- E. Tenderhearted
- F. Help people
- G. Be a blessing
- H. Clean heart
- I. Steadfast
- J. Ready mind
- K. Prayerful
- L. Faithful heart
- M. Hebrews 13:7
- N. Whose faith follow

### VIII. God Sees the Heart of Man

- A. Matthew 6:4 – That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.
- B. 6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.
- C. 18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

### IX. Serve for the Right Reasons

- A. Love
- B. Honor Jesus
- C. Serve Jesus
- D. Evangelize
- E. Souls saved
- F. Rejoice
- G. Rewards
- H. Feed the flock of God

### X. Difference Between a Slave and Servant

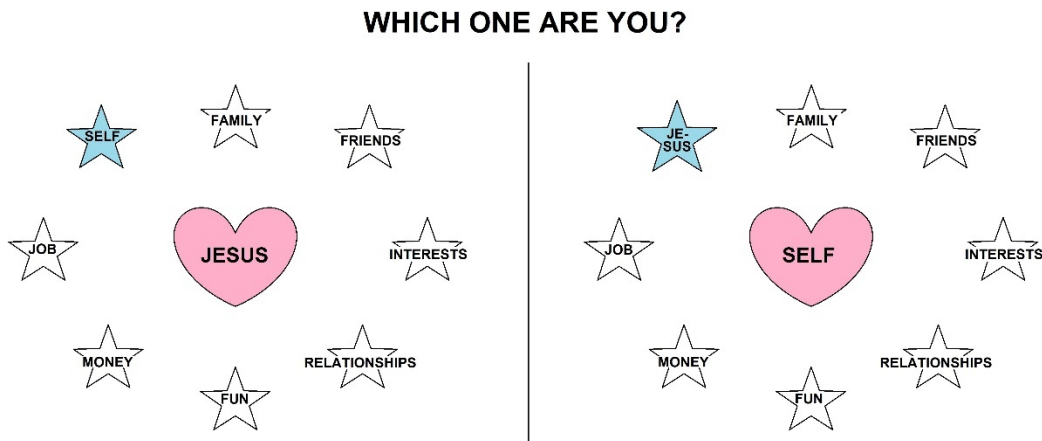
- A. 1 Corinthians 12:13 – For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.
- B. Galatians 3:28 – There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

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- C. Ephesians 6:8 – Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.
- D. 20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.
- E. Philippians 1:13 – So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;
- F. 14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.
- G. Philemon 1:10 – I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:
- H. 13 Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:
- I. 2 Peter 2:19 – While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

### XI. Serve the Right Master

- A. Do master's will
- B. Luke 19:10
- C. Who is on the throne of your heart? – See image below:



### XII. Serve the Right Way

- A. Romans 13:8
- B. 1 Peter 5:2 – willingly and of a ready mind
- C. Edify and exhort
- D. Ephesians 4:12
- E. Not like Elis's sons who lay with women
- F. Master of the house vs. a servant of the house
- G. Greatest servant

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### Lesson 9: Having Humility

#### I. Jesus is Meek and Lowly in Heart

- A. Matthew 11:29 – Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
- B. Philippians 2:5 – Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- C. 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- D. 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- E. 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

#### II. Humility is Necessary for the Work of the Ministry

- A. Matthew 18:4 – Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
- B. Matthew 23:11 – But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.
- C. 12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.
- D. Colossians 3:12 – Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
- E. 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.
- F. 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
- G. Proverbs 13:10 – Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

#### III. God Resists the Proud, but Gives Grace to the Humble

- A. James 4:6 – But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.
- B. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.
- C. 1 Peter 5:5 – Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.
- D. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:
- E. 1 Timothy 3:6 – Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

#### IV. Pride Defiles a Man and is of the World

- A. Mark 7:20 – And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.
- B. 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

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- C. 22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:
- D. 23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.
- E. 1 John 2:16 – For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

### V. **Humility is the Means to be Exalted**

- A. Matthew 18:4 – Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
- B. Matthew 23:12 – And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.
- C. Luke 14:11 – For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.
- D. Luke 18:14 – I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

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### Lesson 10: Taking the Lower Seat

#### I. Jesus Came as a Servant

- A. Philippians 2:5 – Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- B. 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- C. 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- D. 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- E. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- F. 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
- G. 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

#### II. Jesus' Warning and Doctrine

- A. Matthew 23:2 – Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:
- B. 3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.
- C. 4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.
- D. 5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,
- E. 6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,
- F.
- G. Mark.12:38 – And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces,
- H. 39 And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts:
- I. 40 Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation. – And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts:
- J.
- K. Luke 11:43 – Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.
- L.
- M. Luke 20:45 – Then in the audience of all the people he said unto his disciples,
- N. 46 Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts;
- O. 47 Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.

#### III. The Church should Not Have Respect of Persons

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- A. James 2:1 – My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.
- B. 2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;
- C. 3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:
- D. 4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

### IV. **God will Abase the Proud**

- A. Matthew 23:12 – And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.
- B. Luke 1:52 – He [God my Saviour] hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.
- C. Luke 14:7 – And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them,
- D. 8 When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him;
- E. 9 And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.
- F. 10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.
- G. 11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

### V. **Jesus Doctrine in Respect to the People of Low Degree**

- A. 12 Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee.
- B. 13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:
- C. 14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

### VI. **Most Good Churches Have Many Misfits**

- A. Sinners saved by grace – 1 Timothy 1:15
- B. Sick – Matthew 9:12
- C. Lost – Luke 19:10
- D. Common people – Mark 12:37; Acts 10:15
- E. People of low degree – James 1:9
- F. Prisoners – Philemon 10-17
- G. Weak – Romans 14:1
- H. Uncomely – 1 Corinthians 12:23

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### **VII. Paul was a Chief in Many Areas**

- A. A Chief among the Pharisees – Acts 26:5; Philippians 3:4-6
- B. A Chief Persecutor – Acts 9:4; 11:19; 1 Corinthians 15:9; Galatians 1:23
- C. A Chief of Sinners – 1 Timothy 1:15
- D. A Chief among the Apostles – 2 Corinthians 11:5; 12:11-12
- E. A Chief Servant – 2 Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-12
- F. A Chief Writer of the New Testament – Romans through Hebrews
- G. A Chief Translator – 1 Corinthians 14:18
- H. A Chief Missionary – Romans 15:20; 1 Corinthians 9:16-18; 2 Corinthians 10:16; Ephesians 2:17
- I. A Chief Church-Planter – three missionary journeys, helper of pastors – Titus 1:5; Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:1
- J. Sometimes the worst people who get saved become the best people who serve God!



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### Lesson 11: Serving in Liberty

#### I. God Desires for His Servants to Serve in Liberty

- A. Galatians 5:13 – For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.
- B. Rom.8:21 – Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
- C. Galatians 5:1 – Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

#### II. No Man is Ready for Separated Service Until He Can Follow the Holy Ghost in Liberty

- A. Sensitivity
- B. Possess vessel in sanctification
- C. Fit for the Master's use
- D. Obey when directed or prevented
- E. 2 Corinthians 3:17 – Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
- F. James 1:25 – But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
- G. Acts.16:6 – Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

#### III. Your Liberty Not to be a Stumblingblock to Others

- A. 1 Corinthians 8:9 – But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.
- B. 1 Corinthians 10:29 – Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience?
- C. Matthew 18:6 – But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.
- D. Romans 14:21 It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.
- E. 1 Corinthians 8:13 -- Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.
- F. James 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

#### IV. You Will Be Judged as to How You Used your Liberty

- A. 1 Corinthians 6:12 – All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

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- B. 1 Corinthians 10:23 – All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.
- C. James 1:25 – But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
- D. James 2:12 – So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.
- E. 1 Peter 2:16 – As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

### V. **The Steps of a Good man are Ordered by the Lord**

- A. Psalms 37:23 – The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.
- B. Proverbs 3:5 – Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
- C. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
- D. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.
- E. Proverbs 4:14 – Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.
- F. 18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.
- G. 26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.
- H. Look
- I. Listen
- J. Learn
- K. Live
- L. Love
- M. Labor
- N. Lead
- O. Lead

**Lesson 12: Doing All Things Heartily as unto the Lord**

**I. God Looks Upon the Heart**

- A. Matthew 9:4 – And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?
- B. Matthew 12:35 – A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.
- C. Acts 5:3 – But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?
- D. Acts 8:21 – Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.
- E. Acts 15:8 – And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;
- F. 9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.
- G. 2 Corinthians 9:7 – Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

**II. God Prefers Wholeheartedness**

- A. Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- B. Matthew 18:35 – So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.
- C. Matthew 22:37 – Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
- D. Mark 16:14 – Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.
- E. Luke 12:34 -- For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
- F. Ephesians 6:5 – Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;
- G. 6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;

**III. Neither Cold nor Hot – Jesus Spews Out of His Mouth**

- A. Revelation 3:15 – I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.
- B. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.
- C. Matthew 15:8 – This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.
- D. 18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

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### IV. Any Service Can be for the Lord if Done Rightly

- A. Colossians 3:23 – And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;
- B. 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.
- C. 25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.
- D. Romans 10:10 – For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- E. 2 Corinthians 1:22 – Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.
- F. 1 Timothy 1:5 – Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:
- G. 2 Timothy 2:22 – Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

### V. Have the Same heart as Jesus

- A. Matthew 11:29 – Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
- B. Matthew 9:36 – But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.
- C. Romans 5:5 – And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.
- D. Romans 10:1 – Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.
- E. 2 Corinthians 4:6 – For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
- F. 2 Corinthians 8:16 – But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.
- G. Galatians 4:6 – And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.
- H. Ephesians 3:17 – That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
- I. 2 Thessalonians 3:5 – And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.
- J. 1 Peter 1:22 – Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

### VI. Labor is Good

- A. Proverbs 14:23 – In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.
- B. Care about the quality of the work you do – that is the Craftsman Secret
- C. Always do the best you can do (as unto the Lord), even if no one knows or cares – it is a development of character.

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- D. Luke 16:10 – He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.
- E. Strive to do well with the least as Jesus is watching.

### **VII. Having Jesus Preeminent in All Things**

- A. Jesus needs to be on the Throne of your Heart
- B. Colossians 1:18 – And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.
- C. See the illustration in Lesson 8.

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### Lesson 13: Being Meet for the Master's Use

#### I. Effort Needed to be Fit for the Lord's Work

- A. 2 Timothy 2:21 – If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.
- B. Luke 9:62 – And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.
- C. Philippians 3:14 – I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
- D. 1 Corinthians 9:24 – Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

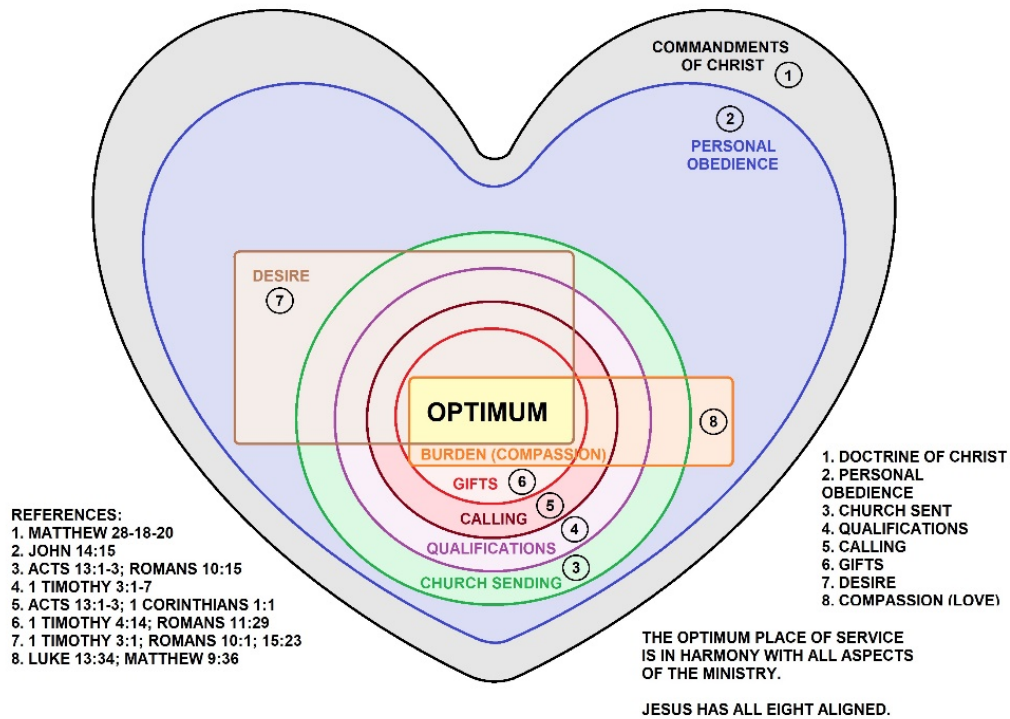
#### II. We Can Limit God's Use in Our Lives

#### III. We Need to Strive Lawfully

- A. 1 Corinthians 9:25 – And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.
- B. 2 Timothy 2:3 – Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
- C. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.
- D. 5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.
- E. 6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.
- F. 7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.
- G. Never “cut corners” in the ministry. You will reap and regret it!

#### IV. Qualifications and Other Attributes of a Bishop

- A. There are a few things a pastor (i.e., bishop) needs for the ministry:
- B. Knowledge of the **Doctrine** (i.e., *commandments*) of Christ.
- C. Faithfulness and **Obedience** to the Doctrine of Christ – 1 Corinthians 4:2.
- D. **Love** – John 14:15
- E. Be **Church-sent** – Acts 13:1-3; Romans 10:15
- F. Meet the **Qualifications** of a bishop in 1 Timothy 3:1-7
- G. Have the **Calling** of God – Acts 13:1-3; 1 Corinthians 1:1
- H. **Gifts** – 1 Timothy 4:14; Romans 11:29
- I. **Desire** – 1 Timothy 3:1; Romans 10:1
- J. **Compassion** (i.e., burden) – Matthew 9:36; Luke 10:34
- K. The optimum place of service is in the nexus of all these things.
- L. See illustration below:



## V. Obtaining the High Calling of God

- Philippians 3:7 – But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
- 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,
- 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
- 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;
- 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.
- 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.
- 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
- 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
- 15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.
- 16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.
- Paul started as a preacher** – Acts 9:20 -- And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.
- Paul taught in the church** – Acts 11:25 – Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

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- M. 26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.
- N. ***Paul was considered a faithful messenger*** – Acts 11:29 – Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea:
- O. 30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.
- P. ***Paul fulfilled his ministry in Jerusalem*** – Acts 12:25 – And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.
- Q. ***Then Paul was called into missions*** – Acts 13:2 – As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
- R. Many small callings come before the high calling. One must be faithful in all callings and in submission to the church and the Lord, in every area.

### VI. Lessons from Philippians Passage Above

- A. Count all things loss for Christ
- B. Do all to gain the excellency of Christ and to win Christ
- C. Seek the righteousness of God by faith in Christ
- D. Know Jesus more and more
- E. Continue to follow after
- F. Forgetting things behind
- G. Reaching forth to the things before
- H. Press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ
- I. One needs to finish one ministry well before going on to the ext. Do not leave “loose ends” in the ministry:
- J. Make sure the ministry has a good leader before you leave.
- K. Make sure a church has a good pastor before you leave the church.
- L. Do the best job you can do in the ministry.
- M. Do not rest on your laurels – continually strive to be a better minister for Christ.

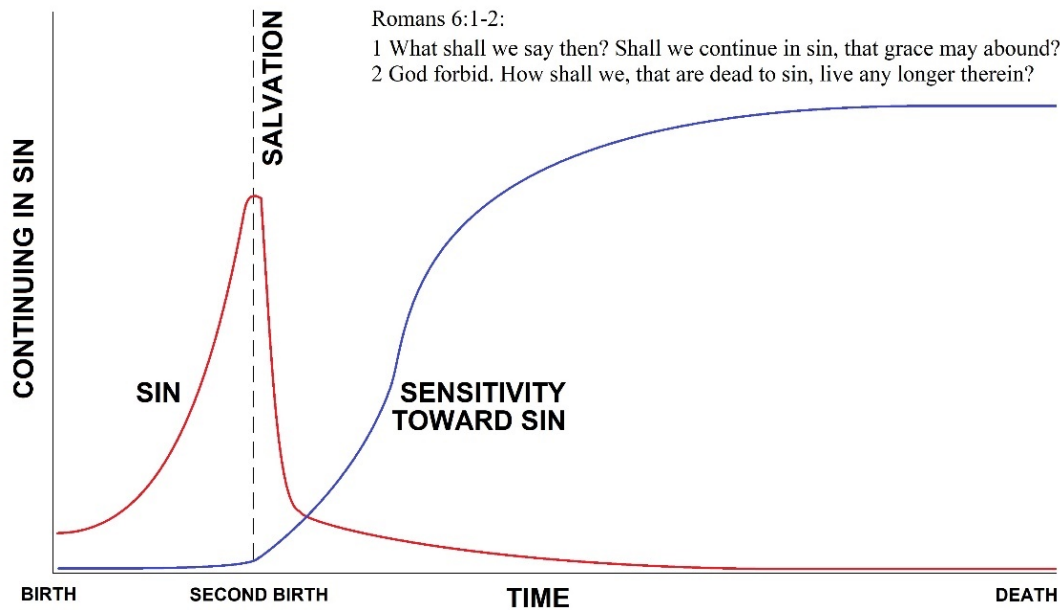
### VII. Everything Has an Effect

- A. Either good or bad
- B. Law of sowing and reaping
- C. Galatians 6:7 – Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
- D. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.
- E. 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
- F. 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.
- G. Laws involved:
- H. Reap what you sow
- I. Reap later than you sow
- J. Reap more than you sow



**VIII. Develop a Sensitivity to Sin in Your Life**

- A. Christians are not sinless – but they should sin less
- B. 1 Thessalonians 4:4 – That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;
- C. As sin decreases, sensitivity to sin increases
- D. See illustration below:



**IX. Ordination**

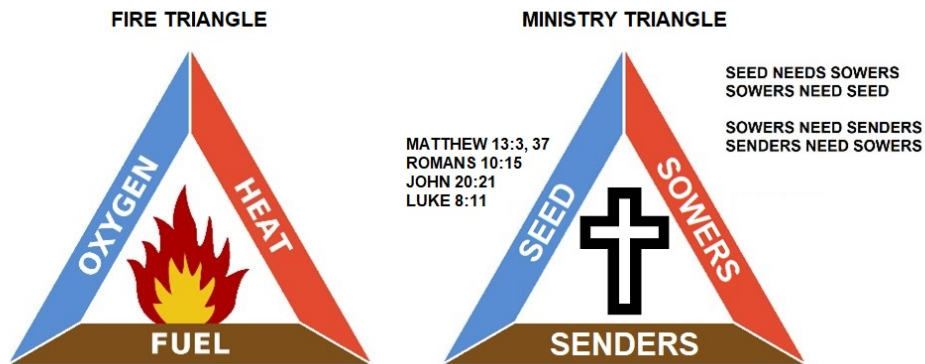
- A. Lay hands on no man suddenly
- B. First be proved
- C. Ordination – the laying on of hands:
- D. Shows outwardly a dispensing of the gift of God to preach
- E. Shows outwardly a administering of authority to preach, teach, and baptize
- F. Shows symbolically the separating unto the Gospel
- G. Senders, Sowers, and Seed

**X. Sowers, Senders, and Seed**

- A. Sowers are the preachers, evangelists, missionaries, and other ministers of the church.

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- B. Senders are the New Testament churches (Romans 10:15). They are to have a high vision, a long vision, and a world vision.
- C. The Seed is the word of God (Luke 8:11).
- D. There is also need for servants of all sorts to help in the ministry. We need support workers, we need messengers to deliver the seed to the sowers, and we need people who give to God's work so it can be financed God's way by God's people.
- E. Using the Fire Triangle as an example, where there are three things required to produce a fourth; we can speak to the Ministry Triangle, which requires sowers, seed, and senders to accomplish the work of the Lord. See Matthew 13:3; Romans 10:15; John 20:21.



**Lesson 14: Striving Lawfully**

**I. Ministers to Strive for the Masteries**

- A. 2 Timothy 2:5 – And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.
- B. 1 Corinthians 9:16 – For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!
- C. 17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.
- D. 18 What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.
- E. 19 For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.
- F. 20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;
- G. 21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.
- H. 22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.
- I. 23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.
- J. 24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.
- K. 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.
- L. 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:
- M. 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.
- N. Hebrews 12:1 – Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,
- O. 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**II. Ministers Not to Strive with People**

- A. Matthew 12:19 – He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.
- B. 2 Timothy 2:14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.
- C. Philippians 2:3 – Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
- D. 2 Timothy 2:24 – And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

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### III. Strive to Enter in at the Strait Gate

- A. Luke 13:24 – Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

### IV. Strive to Preach the Gospel Everywhere

- A. Romans 15:20 – Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:
- B. 21 But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.
- C. 22 For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.
- D. 23 But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you;
- E. 24 Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company.

### V. Strive in Prayer

- A. Romans 15:30 – Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;
- B. Ephesians 6:18 – Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
- C. 19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,
- D. 20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.
- E. Luke 22:44 – And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.
- F. James 5:16 – Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

### VI. Stand Fast in Liberty

- A. Galatians 5:1 – Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

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### Lesson 15: Profitable and Unprofitable Servants

#### I. Profitable Servants

- A. John 6:63 – It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.
- B. Acts 20:20 – And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,
- C. 2 Timothy 3:15 – And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- D. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- E. 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

#### II. Unprofitable Servants

- A. Those that are lost are not profitable to God
- B. Mark 8:36 – For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?
- C. Matthew 25:30 – And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- D. Those who simply do what is commanded: Luke 17:10 – So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.
- E. No thanks for doing that which is commanded

#### III. Going from Unprofitable to Profitable

- A. Salvation: Onesimus went from unprofitable to profitable after salvation.
- B. Philemon 1:11 – Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:
- C. John Mark before and later – originally not trustworthy, but later he was.
- D. 2 Timothy 4:11 – Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.
- E. Colossians 4:9 – With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here.
- F. 10 Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)
- G. 2 Timothy 2:21 – If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.
- H. Going the second mile – doing more than what is required – Philemon 1:21 – Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.
- I. Matthew 22:14 – For many are called, but few are chosen.
- J. 1 Timothy 4:8 – For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

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- K. 15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

### IV. **Seek the Profit of All**

- A. 1 Corinthians 10:33 – Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.
- B. 1 Corinthians 12:7 – But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
- C. 1 Corinthians 13:3 – And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.
- D. Titus 3:8 – This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.
- E. 9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

### V. **Faith Required to be Profitable**

- A. Hebrew 4:2 – For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.
- B. Hebrews 11:6 – But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

**Lesson 16: The Apostles' Examples as Servants**

**I. The Apostles were Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ**

- A. Jesus is the Master of the Apostles
- B. He taught Apostles to be servants
- C. Philippians 2:7 – But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- D. 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- E. Jesus chose men who would be servants

**II. The Apostles Referred to themselves as Servants**

- A. Peter – 2 Peter 1:1 – Servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ
- B. James – James 1:1 – Servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ
- C. John – Revelation 1:1; John 21:20-25 – Servant
- D. Paul – Titus 1:1 – Servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ
- E. Paul – Romans 1:1 – Servant of Jesus Christ
- F. Jude – Jude 1:1 – Servant of Jesus Christ
- G. Timothy – Philippians 1:1 – Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ

**III. All the Apostles but John were Martyred**

- A. Apostles gave their lives as martyrs – they were faithful unto death
- B. Gave their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ
- C. John was boiled in oil but survived. He was then exiled on Patmos.
- D. Stephen – Acts 7:59
- E. James – Acts 12:2
- F. Paul – 2 Timothy 4:6

**IV. Paul's Preaching**

- A. Acts 16:17 – The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.
- B. 1 Corinthians 9:19 – For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.
- C. 2 Corinthians 4:5 – For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.
- D. Romans 6:22 – But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.
- E. Galatians 1:10 – For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

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### V. **Peter's Preaching**

- A. 1 Peter 2:16 – As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

### VI. **The New Testament**

- A. Gospels show Jesus as the Servant
- B. Acts shows the apostles as servants
- C. Epistles shows the churches as servants – Romans 6:22; 16:1; Philippians 2:5
- D. Revelation shows the saved as servants – Revelation 22:3 – And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

### VII. **Paul's Admonition to the Philippians**

- A. Philippians 2:1 – If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,
- B. 2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
- C. 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
- D. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
- E. 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- F. 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- G. 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- H. 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- I. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- J. 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
- K. 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- L. 12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.
- M. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.



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### Lesson 17: *Occupying Until Jesus Returns*

#### I. **Jesus is the Greatest Soul-Winner**

- A. Luke 19:10 – For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

#### II. **Jesus' Parable to Explain that His Second Coming and What to Do in the Meantime**

- A. Kingdom of God – v. 11.
- B. 11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.
- C. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.
- D. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.
- E. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.

#### III. **Giving Account when Jesus Returns**

- A. 15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

#### IV. **Servants Rewarded with Cities for their Labors**

- A. 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.
- B. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.
- C. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.
- D. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

#### V. **Servants Lose Rewards for Not Laboring**

- A. 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:
- B. 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.
- C. 22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:
- D. 23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

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- E. 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds.
- F. 25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.)
- G. 26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

### VI. Enemies Slain

- A. 27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.

### VII. Similarity with the Parable of the Kingdom of Heaven

- A. Matthew 25:14 – Kingdom of Heaven
- B. Matthew 25:24 – Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:
- C. 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.
- D. 26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:
- E. 27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.
- F. 28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.
- G. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

### VIII. Lessons Learned

- A. Good and Faithful servants vs. Wicked and Slothful servants
- B. Good servants *Occupy* – gain by trading
- C. We must give account to Jesus when he returns – 2 Timothy 4:1; 1 Peter 4:5
- D. Good servants think of being profitable to Jesus
- E. Good servants want to present the Lord with gain
- F. Good servants look for opportunities to bear fruit
- G. Good servants are busy in the Lord's work
- H. Good servants have goals
- I. Good servants have a positive mental focus
- J. Good servants do not layup talents in a napkin
- K. Good servants are not disobedient
- L. Good servants do not live in fear, but live in faith
- M. Sometimes FEAR is just *False Evidence Appearing Real*
- N. Good servants do not hide their silver – Matthew 25:25
- O. Good servants do not take talents for personal use but for the Lord's use
- P. Good servants return their Lord's money with gain
- Q. Good servants are profitable servants

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- R. Good servants have good attitudes not bad attitudes
- S. Good servants understand what the will of the Lord is – Ephesians 5:17
- T. Good servants are not wasteful

### **IX. The Two Parables Compared**

- A. Luke vs. Matthew
- B. Kingdom of Heaven vs. Kingdom of God
- C. Salvation vs. Rewards
- D. Earth vs. Napkin
- E. Talent vs. Pound
- F. Hell vs. Loss of Rewards

### **X. Servants are to Prove what is Acceptable unto the Lord, Redeeming the Time**

- A. Ephesians 5:10 – Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.
- B. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.
- C. 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.
- D. 13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.
- E. 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.
- F. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
- G. 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
- H. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.
- I. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;
- J. 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
- K. 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- L. 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

### **XI. Servants are to Prove their Own Work**

- A. Romans 12:2 – And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
- B. 2 Corinthians 8:8 – I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.
- C. 2 Corinthians 13:5 – Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?
- D. Galatians 6:4 – But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.
- E. 1 Thessalonians 5:21 – Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

**XII. Kingdom of God is Comprised of Saved People**

- A. Saved Persons
- B. John 3
- C. Spiritual Kingdom
- D. Has Holy Spirit
- E. Romans 14:17 – For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.
- F. 1 Corinthians 4:20 – For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.
- G. 1 Corinthians 6:9 – Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,
- H. 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.
- I. 1 Corinthians 15:50 – Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

**XIII. Kingdom of Heaven is Comprised of Professors**

- A. Wheat and Tares (Parables in Matthew 13)
- B. Matthew 13:11 – He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.
- C. 24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:
- D. Churches
- E. Physical kingdom
- F. Millennial kingdom fulfilled
- G. Only found in Matthew
- H. Sermon on the Mount mentions 6 times
- I. Matthew 7:21 – Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
- J. Matthew 8:11 – And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.
- K. Matthew 10:7 – And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- L. Matthew 11:11 – Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.
- M. 12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.
- N. Church – Matthew 16:19 – And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
- O. Church – Matthew 18:23 – Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

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### **Lesson 18. Servants Must Not Strive**

*See Lesson 14 also – Striving lawfully*

#### **I. Servants to be Gentle unto All Men**

- A. 2 Timothy 2:24 – And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,
- B. 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
- C. 26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.
- D. Titus 3:2 – To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.
- E. Titus 1:7 – For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;
- F. 1 Thessalonians 2:7 – But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

#### **II. Be Gentle as Christ**

- A. 2 Corinthians 10:1 – Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:
- B. James 3:17 – But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

#### **III. Gentleness is a Fruit of the Spirit**

- A. Galatians 5:22 – But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
- B. Romans 14:17 – For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.
- C. 19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.
- D. Romans 8:6 – For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

#### **IV. Be A Peacemaker**

- A. Matthew 5:9 – Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
- B. Romans 5:1 – Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

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- C. Romans 10:15 – And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
- D. Romans 12:18 – If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.
- E. Colossians 3:15 – And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.
- F. 2 Timothy 2:22 – Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
- G. 1 Peter 3:11 – Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

### V. **Be Not Easily Provoked**

- A. James 1:20 – For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.
- B. 1 Corinthians 13:5 – Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
- C. 1 Timothy 3:3 – Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

### VI. **Operate in Meekness**

- A. 2 Corinthians 10:1 – Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:
- B. Galatians 5:23 – Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
- C. Galatians 6:1 – Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.
- D. Ephesians 4:2 – With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
- E. Colossians 3:12 – Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
- F. 1 Timothy 6:11 – But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.
- G. 2 Timothy 2:25 – In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
- H. Titus 3:2 – To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.
- I. James 1:21 – Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.
- J. James 3:13 – Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.
- K. 1 Peter 3:15 – But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

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### Lesson 19. Having the Right Attitude in Service

#### I. A Minister of the Lord Must Have the Right Attitude at All Times

- A. A servant of the Lord cannot indulge being carnal or reactive
- B. He must be *patient*:
- C. 2 Timothy 2:24 – And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,
- D. He must be *longsuffering*:
- E. 2 Timothy 4:2 – Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
- F. He must be *not soon angry*:
- G. Titus 1:7 – For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

#### II. A Minister Needs to Be an Ensample of Self-control

- A. Not *self-willed*:
- B. Titus 1:7 – For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;
- C. Show himself to be *consistent* and show *gravity*
- D. Titus 2:7 – In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

#### III. A Minister Cannot Afford to Be Petty or a Bad Testimony

- A. Be of *good behavior*
- B. 1 Timothy 3:2 – A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

#### IV. A Minister Must be a Pattern to Follow

- A. Wise
- B. Meek
- C. Apt to teach
- D. Hospitable
- E. Humble
- F. 1 Timothy 3:2 – A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
- G. Acts 20:19 – Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:
- H. Holy
- I. Romans 12:1 – I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
- J. Diligent

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- K. Romans 12:11 – Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;
- L. Faithful
- M. Ephesians 6:7 – With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:

### V. **A Minister is Responsible for What Goes on in His Church**

- A. Revelation 2:18 – And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;
- B. 19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.
- C. 20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.
- D. The overseer will give an account to the Lord for what his church does
- E. 1 Timothy 3:5 – (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)



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### Lesson 20: The Commandment and Use of Hospitality

#### I. Hospitality is a Requirement for Bishops

- A. 1 Timothy 3:2 – A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
- B. Titus 1:8 – But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

#### II. All Believers should Be Hospitable

- A. Romans 12:13 – Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.
- B. 1 Peter 4:9 – Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

#### III. Testimony of Joh in Respect of Gaius' Church

- A. 3 John 1:5 – Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;
- B. 6 Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:
- C. 7 Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.
- D. 8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.
- E. 9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.
- F. 10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.

#### IV. Lessons from Above Passage

- A. Faithfully help the brethren
- B. Charity of the church is witnessed
- C. Bring brethren forward on their journey
- D. Take nothing from the Gentiles
- E. Receive brethren and be fellowhelpers to the truth
- F. Avoid being a Diotrephes – loving preeminence, he does not receive brethren, but forbids those who would, and casts them out of the church
- G. Prating against brethren with malicious words
- H. His deeds will be remembered

**Lesson 21: Compassion and the Good Samaritan**

**I. Jesus is the God-Man of Compassion**

- A. Matthew 9:36 – But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.
- B. Matthew 14:14 – And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.
- C. Matthew 15:32 – Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.
- D. Matthew 20:34 – So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.
- E. Mark 1:41 – And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

**II. Ministers of the Lord Need Compassion**

- A. Matthew 18:21 – Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?
- B. 22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.
- C. 23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.
- D. 24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.
- E. 25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.
- F. 26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
- G. 27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.
- H. 28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.
- I. 29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
- J. 30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.
- K. 31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.
- L. 32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:
- M. 33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?
- N. 34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

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- O. 35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.
- P. 1 Peter 3:8 –Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:
- Q. 1 John 3:17 – But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?
- R. Jude 1:22 – And of some have compassion, making a difference:

### III. Lesson of the Good Samaritan

- A. Luke 10:29 – But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?
- B. 30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.
- C. 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
- D. 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.
- E. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,
- F. 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
- G. 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.
- H. 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?
- I. 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

### IV. The Samaritan Had These Qualities

- A. He showed Love and Compassion
- B. There was no beam in his eye – Matthew 7
- C. He went the second mile
- D. He looked but did not overlook
- E. He did not look on the outward appearance
- F. He did not have a judgmental attitude
- G. He did not have apathy
- H. He was not selfish
- I. He saw the need
- J. He saw the soul
- K. He saw the opportunity to be a blessing
- L. He helped bear the burden of another – Galatians 6
- M. He fulfilled the law of Christ

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### Lesson 22: Not Having Respect of Persons

#### I. God is No Respector of Persons

- A. Acts 10:34 – Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respector of persons:
- B. Romans 2:11 – For there is no respect of persons with God.
- C. Colossians 3:25 – But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.
- D. 1 Peter 1:17 – And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

#### II. If You Have Respect of Persons you Commit Sin

- A. James 2:9 – But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

#### III. Respect of Persons Not Compatible with Faith

- A. James 2:1 – My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.
- B. 2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;
- C. 3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:
- D. 4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?
- E. 5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

#### IV. Marks of Having Respect of Persons

- A. Sit here or not sit here attitude
- B. Some are not welcome because they are poor
- C. Having evil thoughts against people
- D. Being partial and judgmental

#### V. The Poor are Chosen by God

- A. James 2:5 – Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?
- B. Mark 12:37 – David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his son? And the common people heard him gladly.

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- C. 1 Corinthians 1:26 – For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:
- D. 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;
- E. 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:
- F. 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.
- G. 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:
- H. 31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.
- I. James 1:27 – Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

### VI. **Pharisees Love the Upper seats**

- A. Matthew 23:5 – But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,
- B. 6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,

### VII. **Pharisees Cared More About the Outside Than the Inside**

- A. Matthew 23:25 – Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.
- B. 26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.
- C. 27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.
- D. 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.
- E. John 7:24 – Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.
- F. 2 Corinthians 5:12 – For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart.
- G. 2 Corinthians 10:7 – Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's.

### VIII. **Rich Are Not Always Right**

- A. Matthew 5:3 – Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- B. Matthew 19:23 – Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- C. 24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.
- D.

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- E. Matthew 27:57 – When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:
- F. Mark 10:25 – It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.
- G. James 1:9 – Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:
- H. 10 But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.
- I. 11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.
- J. James 2:6 – But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?
- K. 7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

### **IX. Some Should Not be Allowed in the Church**

- A. 2 John 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.
- B. 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.
- C. 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.
- D. 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:
- E. 11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.
- F. Acts 20:28 – Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
- G. 29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.
- H. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.
- I. 31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.
- J. Titus 3:10 – A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;
- K. Galatians 5:12 – I would they were even cut off which trouble you.
- L. Ephesians 5:11 – And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.
- M. 1 Corinthians 5:11 – But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

**Lesson 23: Stewards Must be Faithful**

**I. It is Required that Stewards be Faithful**

- A. 1 Corinthians 4:1 – Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.
- B. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.
- C. Proverbs 25:19 – Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

**II. Faithful Servants will be Rewarded**

- A. Matthew 24:44 – Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.
- B. 45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?
- C. 46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.
- D. 47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.
- E. Matthew 25:21 – His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
- F. 23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

**III. One Shows his Faithfulness in that which is Least**

- A. Luke 16:10 – He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.
- B. 11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?
- C. 12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

**IV. God Recognizes His Faithful Stewards**

- A. Ephesians 1:1 – Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:
- B. Ephesians 6:21 – But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:
- C. Colossians 1:2 – To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- D. 7 As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

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- E. 1 Peter 5:12 – By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.

### V. **God Enables the Faithful**

- A. 1 Timothy 1:12 – And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;



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### Lesson 24: Seeking the Kingdom of God First

#### I. Serving God is Seeking the Kingdom of God

- A. Matthew 6:24 – No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
- B. First priority – seeking the Kingdom of God

#### II. Serving God Means Trusting God for All Necessary Things

- A. Trusting God for your Life and Necessities
- B. 25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?
- C. 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?
- D. 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?
- E. 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:
- F. 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
- G. Operate in Faith
- H. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?
- I. 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
- J. 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

#### III. Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness

- A. God Supplies all you need – Philippians 4:19
- B. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- C. No need to take thought for tomorrow
- D. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.
- E. A person does not learn God is all he needs until God is all he has.

#### IV. A Simple Outline of Matthew 6:33

- A. Priority – Seek first
- B. Person – kingdom of “God” and “His” – not one’s own
- C. Purpose – Salvation

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- D. Purity – Righteousness
- E. Perks – All these things

### V. **New Life Means a New Creature**

- A. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- B. 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
- C. 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;
- D. 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.
- E. 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.
- F. 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

### VI. **Seeking First the Kingdom of God means Serving the Lord**

- A. Serving the Lord Includes:
- B. Obedience to the word of God – Look, Listen, Learn, Live, Love, Labor, Lead, Leave
- C. Good and Honest Heart
- D. Worship
- E. Maturity
- F. Following leadership
- G. Teaching
- H. Giving
- I. Good heart
- J. Spirit not Flesh
- K. Love
- L. Faithfulness
- M. Reverence
- N. Respect
- O. Preparation
- P. Practice
- Q. Giving of Self
- R. Sacrifice
- S. Dedication
- T. Participation
- U. Fruit of the Spirit
- V. Faith

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### Lesson 25: Being Faithful in the Least

#### I. Serving the Lord Includes Following Leadership and Powers that Be

- A. Matthew 4:19 – And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
- B. 1 Peter 2:21 – For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:
- C. Romans 13:1 – Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.
- D. 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.
- E. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:
- F. 4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.
- G. 5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.
- H. 6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.
- I. 7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.
- J. 8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.
- K. 1 Peter 2:13 – Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;
- L. 14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.
- M. 15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:
- N. 16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.
- O. 17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

#### II. Good Followers Make Good Leaders

- A. Matthew 16:24 – Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
- B. Mark 8:34 – And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
- C. John 8:12 – Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.
- D. John 12:26 – If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.
- E. 1 Corinthians 4:16 – Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.
- F. 1 Corinthians 11:1 – Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.
- G. Philippians 3:12 – Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I

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follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

- H. 17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.
- I. 1 Thessalonians 1:6 – And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:
- J. 2 Thessalonians 3:7 – For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;
- K. 9 Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

### III. **One Must Strive to be Faithful in the Least**

- A. Luke 16:10 – He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

### IV. **Faithful in the Least Shows you Will be Faithful in Much**

- A. Matthew 5:19 – Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- B. Matthew 25:40 – And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.
- C. Luke 9:48 – And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.

### V. **Taking Care of “Small Stuff” usually means “Big Stuff” is Easily Taken Care Of**

- A. Prayer
- B. Bible reading
- C. Sanctification
- D. Good relationship with spouse and children
- E. Good work ethic
- F. Faithful and responsible
- G. Basic church attendance
- H. Serve in the church faithfully without complaint
- I. Tithe, Missions, Offerings, Alms
- J. Missions
- K. Pay bills on time
- L. Save

### VI. **Future Rewards Based on Service Now**

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- A. Matthew 6:20 – But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:
- B. 2 Timothy 4:6 – For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.
- C. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
- D. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

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### Lesson 26: Be Not Many Masters

#### I. Jesus Christ is our Master

- A. John 13:13 – Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.
- B. 14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.
- C. John 20:16 – Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.
- D. Matthew 6:24 – No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

#### II. Earthly Masters

- A. Acts 16:16 – And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:
- B. Ephesians 6:9 – And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

#### III. Spiritual Master

- A. Nicodemus – John 3:10 – Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?
- B. 1 Peter 5:3 – Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

#### IV. Earthly Servants

- A. Ephesians 6:5 – Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;
- B. Colossians 3:22 – Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:
- C. 1 Timothy 6:1 – Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.
- D. 2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.
- E. Titus 2:9 – Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again;
- F. 1 Peter 2:18 – Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

#### V. Spiritual Servants

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- A. 2 Timothy 2:21 – If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.
- B. Colossians 3:24 – Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.
- C. 1 Thessalonians 1:9 – For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

### VI. **Master in the Lord's Work**

- A. Call no man on earth master
- B. Matthew 23:7 – And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.
- C. 8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.
- D. 9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.
- E. 10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.
- F. 11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.
- G. 12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

### VII. **Be Not Many Masters**

- A. James 3:1 – My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.
- B. 2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.
- C. Hebrews 13:17 – Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.
- D. 1 Peter 5:1 – The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:
- E. 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;
- F. 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.
- G. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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### Lesson 27: Lordship Doctrine

#### I. Elders to Take Oversight of Flock

- A. 1 Peter 5:1 – The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:
- B. 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;
- C. Ephesians 4:11 – And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

#### II. Not Being Lords Over God's Heritage

- A. 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.
- B. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.
- C. 5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.
- D. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:
- E. 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

#### III. Beware of Titles

- A. Matthew 23:8 – But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.
- B. 9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.
- C. 10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.
- D. 11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.
- E. No masters (over peoples' faith – not over servants, see Ephesians 6:5).
- F. No rabbis
- G. No fathers
- H. No lords
- I. No gods
- J. 1 Corinthians 8:4 – As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.
- K. 5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)
- L. 6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.
- M. No great ones (Simon) – Acts 8:9
- N. No dominion over one's faith – 2 Corinthians 1:24
- O. No glorying over the flesh – 2 Corinthians 11:18
- P. No fair shew in the flesh – Galatians 6:12



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- Q. Not bringing into bondage – 2 Corinthians 11:20
- R. 20 For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face.
- S. Notice – devour, take of you, exalt himself, smite you on the face

### IV. **Earthly Masters and Related Instructions**

- A. Acts 16:16 – And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:
- B. 19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers,
- C. Ephesians 6:5 – Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;
- D. 9 And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.
- E. Colossians 3:22 – Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:
- F. Colossians 4:1 – Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.
- G. 1 Timothy 6:1 – Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.
- H. 2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.
- I. Titus 2:9 – Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again;
- J. James 3:1 – My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.
- K. 1 Peter 2:18 – Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

### V. **Jesus Hates Nicolaitan Doctrine**

- A. Revelation 2:6 – But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.
- B. 15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.
- C. See Lesson 28

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### Lesson 28: Nicolaitan Doctrine

*This Lesson is a Review of Class 202 – Lesson 30: The Doctrine of the Nicolaitans*

#### I. The Deeds of the Nicolaitans

- A. Revelation 2:6
- B. Ephesian pastor praised for hating the deeds of the Nicolaitans
- C. Jesus also hates these deeds
- D. Jesus is not known in the New Testament to hate anything but this

#### II. The Doctrine of the Nicolaitans

- A. Revelation 2:15
- B. Jesus tells the Pergamos pastor he has a few things against him
- C. He allowed the doctrine of Balaam
- D. He allowed the doctrine of the Nicolaitans
- E. Which thing Jesus hates

#### III. Deeds become Doctrine

- A. What started as deeds in Ephesus became doctrine in Pergamos
- B. Things allowed to continue take root
- C. Sin and fleshly things spread quickly
- D. Evil deeds need to be rebuked – 1 Timothy 5:20
- E. So that other will fear

#### IV. God's Order and Method

- A. Jesus is the Head of the church – Ephesians 5
- B. Bishops and Deacons – Philippians 1:1
- C. Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers – Ephesians 4:11
- D. Elders – Acts 20:17; James 5:14; 1 Peter 5:1; Titus 1:5; 1 Timothy 5:17
- E. Greatest is the servant – Matthew 23:11
- F. Oversight by ensample – 1 Peter 5:3
- G. Not as being lords over God's heritage – 1 Peter 5:3

#### V. Nicolaitan Doctrine – what we know

- A. Used only in Revelation 2:6, 15
- B. Jesus hates the deeds and doctrine
- C. Meaning of the word – *Nicolaites* – *nico* + *lai* + *tes*
- D. *Nico* – conquest, victory, ruler

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- E. *Lai* – people
- F. *Tes* – the
- G. Someone who is a conqueror or victor over the people

### VI. **Nicolaitan Doctrine in Practice**

- A. Overly dominant pastors and teachers
- B. People who rule over others
- C. Micro-managers of peoples' faith
- D. Lords over God's heritage
- E. Lack of liberty, longsuffering, grace, patience, courtesy, love, kindness, etc.
- F. Too many levels of rulers – as in the Catholic hierarchy

### VII. **We Ought to Avoid Something Jesus Hates**

- A. If Jesus says he hates this thing in two places, we ought to heed carefully
- B. Do not force people to submit to your dominion
- C. Dominion over peoples' faith
- D. Matthew 20:25-28
- E. 25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.
- F. 26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;
- G. 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:
- H. 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.
- I. 1 Corinthians 1:24: Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

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### Lesson 29: Do Not Judge Another Man's Servant

#### I. We are to Receive the Weak in Faith

- A. Romans 14:1 – Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.
- B. 2 For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs.
- C. 3 Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.

#### II. Do Not Judge Weaker Brethren

- A. 4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.
- B. 5 One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.
- C. 6 He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

#### III. God Wants Unity

- A. 7 For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.
- B. 8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.
- C. 9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.
- D. Ephesians 4:1 – I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
- E. 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
- F. 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- G. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- H. 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- I. 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

#### IV. We Shall all Stand Before the Judgment Seat of Christ

- A. 10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.
- B. 11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.
- C. 12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.
- D. 2 Corinthians 5:10 – For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

**V. Do Not be a Stumblingblock to Brethren**

- A. 13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.
- B. Luke 17:1 – Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come!
- C. 2 It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.
- D. 3 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.
- E. 4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.
- F. 5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

**VI. Use Liberty to Serve All Men**

- A. 1 Corinthians 9:19 – For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.
- B. 20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;
- C. 21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.
- D. 22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.
- E. 23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

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### Lesson 30: Interchurch Service vs. Separated Service

#### I. Churches Need to Serve One another in Love

- A. Galatians was written to churches (plural)
- B. Galatians 1:1 – Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)
- C. 2 And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:
- D. Galatians 5:13 – For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.
- E. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

#### II. Jesus Expect Inter-church Cooperation

- A. Pattern of the apostles was to help churches
- B. Macedonian churches sent aid to Jerusalem – 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; 2 Corinthians 8:1-4
- C. The fellowship of ministering to the saints

#### III. Today Churches Support Missions and Missionaries

- A. This support is a cooperative support
- B. This is pleasing to God
- C. Philippians 4:18 – But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

#### IV. We Have Need of Inter-church Messengers

- A. 2 Corinthians 8:23 Whether any do inquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren be inquired of, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.
- B. Philippians 2:25 – Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.
- C. We need servants to deliver the scriptures throughout the world.
- D. Romans 16:1 – I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea:

#### V. No Man is Ready for Separated Service Until He Has Learned to Follow the Holy Ghost in Liberty

- A. Galatians 5:13 – For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

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- B. 1 Peter 2:16 – As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.
- C. James 1:25 – But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
- D. James 2:12 – So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

### VI. Differences and Similarities of Interchurch and Separated Service

- A. Interchurch Service is mainly to the saved
- B. Separated Service is mainly to the Lost
- C. Interchurch Service is mainly in churches
- D. Separated Services is mainly outside the churches
- E. See chart below for clarity:

INTERCHURCH VERSUS SEPARATED SERVICE				
ACTIVITY	INTERCHURCH SERVICE		SEPARATED SERVICE	
LEADERSHIP	PASTOR	EVANGELIST	MISSIONARY	EVANGELIST
TEACHING	TEACHER	SOUL-WINNER	TEACHER	SOUL-WINNER
MINISTRY	DEACON ELDER	EXHORTER BUS MINISTRY TREASURER SONG LEADER ADMINISTRATOR MAINTENANCE MESSENGER PRINTER	SUPPORT EVANGELISM BUILDER	MINISTRY

### VII. Paul is an Example of Both Interchurch and Separated Service

- A. Paul served in the churches – Acts 13:1-3
- B. Paul made three missionary journeys preaching the gospel
- C. Paul obeyed the Macedonian call – Acts 16:19
- D. Paul was sensitive to the leading of the Holy Ghost:
- E. Acts 16:6 – Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,
- F. 7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

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### Lesson 31: The Greatest Leader

#### I. Jesus Taught with Authority

- A. Matthew 7:29 – For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.
- B. Mark 1:22 – And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.
- C. 27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

#### II. Jesus was Subject to his Earthly Parents

- A. Luke 2:51 – And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.
- B. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

#### III. Jesus was Subject to his Heavenly Father

- A. John 8:29 – And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.
- B. John 4:34 – Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.
- C. John 6:38 – For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.
- D. 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

#### IV. Jesus had a Clear and Communicated Agenda

- A. Luke 19:10 – For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

#### V. Jesus was Fully Committed to His Work even unto Death

- A. Luke 9:51 – And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,
- B. Luke 22:42 – Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

#### VI. Jesus Chooses Good Followers

- A. Saved
- B. Dedicated



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- C. Obedient
- D. Luke 14:26 – If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

### **VII. Jesus Encouraged Followers to be Leaders**

- A. Matthew 28:18 – And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
- B. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- C. 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
- D. John 20:21 – Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

### **VIII. Jesus Allowed Followers the Liberty to Lead**

- A. Acts 1:8 – But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

### **IX. Jesus was Available to Help**

- A. John 14:18 – I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.
- B. Hebrews 13:5 – Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

### **X. Jesus Made Sure Followers were Fully Equipped**

- A. Tools needed were supplied
- B. Philippians 4:19 – But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

### **XI. Jesus Gave Clear Instructions**

- A. Acts 1:7 – And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.
- B. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

### **XII. Jesus Transferred Power and Authority**

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- A. Matthew 10:1 – And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.
- B. Mark 6:7 – And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;
- C. Luke 9:1 – Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

### **XIII. Jesus was Trustworthy in His Direction**

- A. John 6:63 – It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

### **XIV. Jesus Offered a Good Reward and Incentive System**

- A. Mark 10:29 – And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,
- B. 30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.
- C. 31 But many that are first shall be last; and the last first. 10:
- D. Matthew 19:28 – And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

### **XV. Jesus Gave Opportunities to All and Allowed for Mistakes**

- A. Matthew 5:19 – Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- B. Matthew 7:24 – Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:
- C. God is a God of second chances – Peter, John Mark, etc.
- D. Matthew 12:50 – For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

### **XVI. Used Life Incidents as Teaching Moments**

- A. Matthew 14:16 – But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.
- B. Luke 7:40 – And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on.
- C. 41 There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.

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- D. 42 And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?

### **XVII. Although Jesus is Perfect, He Allowed Imperfect Service**

- A. Matthew 26:34 – Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.
- B. John 21:15 – So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

### **XVIII. Jesus had Realistic but Challenging Expectations**

- A. Mark 16:15 – And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
- B. Luke 14:33 – So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

### **XIX. Jesus Supplied the New Testament**

- A. A written, infallible *Manual* for life, the church, and the mind of God.
- B. Unchanging
- C. Always current and applicable
- D. Preserved forever
- E. Inspired by God

### **XX. Jesus Practice Was to Do and Teach**

- A. Mark 1:38 – And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.
- B. John 14:31 – But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.
- C. Acts 1:1 – The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

### **XXI. Jesus Eschewed Hypocrisy**

- A. Matthew 23:13 – But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.
- B. 14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

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- C. 15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.
- D. 16 Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!
- E. 23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.
- F. 25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.
- G. 27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.
- H. 29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,

### **XXII. Jesus Operates in Love and Compassion**

- A. Matthew 9:36 – But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.
- B. Matthew 14:14 – And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.
- C. Matthew 15:32 – Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.
- D. Mark 10:21 – Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.
- E. John 11:5 – Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.
- F. 36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

### **XXIII. Jesus is Encouraging**

- A. John 8:11 – She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.
- B. Matthew 11:28 – Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- C. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
- D. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

### **XXIV. Jesus Leads in Truth and Righteousness**

- A. John 14:6 – Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

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### Lesson 32: The Commandments of Leadership

#### I. Love One Another

- A. John 14:15 – If ye love me, keep my commandments.
- B. 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.
- C. John 13:34 – A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
- D. John 15:12 – This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
- E. 17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

#### II. Teach All Nations

- A. Matthew 24:14 – And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.
- B. Matthew 28:19 – Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- C. Luke 24:47 – And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
- D. Romans 16:25 – Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,
- E. 26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:
- F. 27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.
- G. Galatians 3:8 – And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.
- H. Revelation 7:9 – After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

#### III. The Greatest is the Servant

- A. Matthew 23:11 – But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.
- B. Luke 22:26 – But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

#### IV. Be Not Lords, but Be Examples

- A. Matthew 28:20 – Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
- B. James 1:22 – But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
- C. 1 Peter 5:3 – Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock.

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- D. Luke 22:23 – And they began to inquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.
- E. 24 And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.
- F. 25 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.
- G. 26 But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.
- H. 27 For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.
- I. 28 Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.

### V. **Follow, Feed, and Be Fishers of Men**

- A. John 12:26 – If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.
- B. John 13:36 – Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.
- C. 37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.
- D. John 21:17 – He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
- E. 18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.
- F. 19 This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.
- G. 20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?
- H. 21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?
- I. 22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.
- J. Mark 1:17 – And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

### VI. **Judge Righteous Judgment**

- A. John 7:24 – Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.
- B. Matthew 23:27 – Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.
- C. 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

### VII. **Peace Be Upon Receivers of Jesus**

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- A. Luke 10:5 – And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.
- B. 6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.

### VIII. **Kick Off Dust Against Rejectors of Jesus**

- A. Luke 10:10 – But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,
- B. 11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.
- C. 12 But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.
- D. Matthew 10:14 – And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.

### IX. **Do Not Cast Your Pearls Before Swine**

- A. Matthew 7:6 – Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.
- B. Matthew 13:13 – Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.
- C. Romans 8:6 – For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
- D. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
- E. 1 Corinthians 3:1 – And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.
- F. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 2Tim.2
- G. 2 Timothy 2:25 – In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

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### Lesson 33: What Makes a Man Great

#### I. His Authority

- A. John 20:21 – Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.
- B. Matthew 28:18 – And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

#### II. His Abilities

- A. 1 Timothy 1:12 – And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;
- B. Philippians 2:13 – For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.
- C. Galatians 2:20 – I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

#### III. His Attributes

- A. Matthew 23:11 – But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.
- B. Care for others
- C. Faithfulness to duty
- D. No complaint or murmurings



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### Lesson 34: The Meaning of Servant-Leadership

#### I. **Servant-Leaders are Hard to Find**

- A. People need good leaders
- B. People Follow good Leaders
- C. Servant-leaders are made, not born

#### II. **Shepherds Lead Sheep**

- A. Sheep Follow Men Who Follow Christ
- B. John 10:1 – Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.
- C. 2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
- D. 3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.
- E. 4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.
- F. 5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

#### III. **Good Leaders Serve Out of Love**

- A. For God
- B. For one another
- C. For souls of lost people
- D. 2 Corinthians 5: 11 – Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.
- E. 14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

#### IV. **Good Leaders are Submissive**

- A. Submissive to God – James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:5-6; Philippians 2:8
- B. Submissive to others – Ephesians 5:21
- C. Not self-willed
- D. Meek and lowly in heart – Matthew 11:29; 2 Corinthians 10:1; Galatians 5:23; Titus 3:2; James 1:21; 2 Timothy 2:25; Ephesians 4:2

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### Lesson 35: Jesus Chose Twelve Men

#### I. The Men Were Imperfect

- A. All have sinned
- B. Fishermen
- C. Zealots
- D. Publicans

#### II. They Had the Perfect Leader

- A. Jesus showed Himself to them
- B. They followed Christ
- C. They heard his words
- D. They saw his works
- E. Jesus trained them to carry forward his work

#### III. They Learned the Perfect Way

- A. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life – John 14:6
- B. The Word of God – John 1:1
- C. Jesus invested 3.5 years in training the apostles

#### IV. Jesus Chose the Right Number

- A. Jesus selected the right number – 12 men
- B. Not too few, not too many
- C. These men were faithful to fulfill God's will
- D. 1 Corinthians 12:28 – And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

#### V. Names of Apostles

- A. Matthew 10:1 – And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.
- B. 2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;
- C. 3 Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;
- D. 4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.
- E. 5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

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- F. 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- G. 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

### VI. **Other Apostles**

- A. Levi is not shown to be an apostle – scriptures only say he followed Jesus – Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27
- B. He may be related to James – Matthew 10:3
- C. Matthias replaced Judas – Acts 1
- D. Barnabas – Acts 14:14
- E. Paul – Acts 14:14
- F. Silas – 1 Thessalonians 1:1; 2:6

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### Lesson 36: God Uses Working Men

#### I. Jesus Chose Men Who Were Working

- A. Fisherman
- B. Tax collector

#### II. God is Able to Direct Men Who Are Moving

- A. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord – Psalm 37:23
- B. Acts 16:5 – And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.
- C. 6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,
- D. 7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.
- E. 8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.
- F. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.
- G. 10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.
- H. 11 Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis;
- I. 12 And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

#### III. Not Slothful in Business

- A. Matthew 25:26 – His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:
- B. Romans 12:11 – Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;
- C. Hebrews 6:12 – That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
- D. Acts 18:25 – This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.
- E. Romans 12:8 – Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.
- F. 2 Corinthians 8:7 – Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

#### IV. God Works in Men Both to Will and to Do of his Good Pleasure

- A. Philippians 2:13 – For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

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- B. Hebrew 11:6 – But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
- C. 2 Peter 1:5 – And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;
- D. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:
- E. 2 Peter 3:14 – Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

### V. **Be Willing to Be Directed by God**

- A. Be Doers of the word
- B. Be Faithful in least
- C. Strive for the masteries
- D. Always learning
- E. Always motivated
- F. Overcome challenges
- G. Endure chastening
- H. Learn from mistakes
- I. Confess and forsake sin
- J. Run with patience
- K. Looking unto Jesus
- L. Press toward the mark

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### Lesson 37: Jesus Ordained and Sent Out

#### I. Jesus' Process of Leadership is Noteworthy

- A. A perfect process
- B. Should be imitated
- C. Used by apostles
- D. God manifested in the flesh

#### II. Jesus Chose Men Who Would Follow

- A. They obeyed Jesus' simple command "follow me" without question.
- B. Immediately followed Jesus
- C. Left their source of income
- D. Some left their family
- E. If these men would obey Jesus without deliberation or hesitation, they would be faithful in much.
- F. Mark 10:28 – Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.

#### III. Jesus Led Men Rightly

- A. Used himself as the standard – follow *ME*
- B. Jesus would make them fishers of men
- C. Men with no history or fame became some of the most well-known men in history
- D. They will be honored forever

#### IV. Jesus Trained Men by Example

- A. Follow Me
- B. Taught them to "observe"
- C. Taught them "to do"
- D. Taught them to be great
- E. Matthew 5:19 – Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

#### V. Authorized Men

- A. Mark 3:14 – And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,
- B. 15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

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### VI. **Empowered Men**

- A. Matthew 10:1 – And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

### VII. **Commanded Men**

- A. Commandments are clear mandates.
- B. The doctrine of Christ supplies the precepts we are to obey.
- C. Matthew 10:5 – These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:
- D. Matthew 11:1 – And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

### VIII. **Rebuke and Chasten men**

- A. Revelation 3:19 – As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.
- B. Hebrews 12:6 – For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

### IX. **Judge and Reward Men**

- 2 Timothy 4:1 – I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

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### Lesson 38: Jesus Built His Church

#### I. The Church is a Place to Pull People from Hell

- A. The Gates of Hell shall not Prevail – Matthew 16:18
- B. Jude 1:23 – And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

#### II. The Church is a Place of Jesus' Power

- A. The Great Commission – All power given to Christ
- B. Place of the Gospel the Power of Christ unto Salvation – Romans 1:16

#### III. The Church is a Place for Jesus' People

- A. Acts 2:41 – Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.
- B. 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.
- C. Acts 5:14 – And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

#### IV. The Church is a Place for Prayer

- A. Matthew 21:13 – And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.
- B. Mark 11:17 – And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.
- C. Luke 19:46 – Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.
- D. Acts 12:5 – Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.
- E. James 5:14 – Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

#### V. The Church is a Place of Jesus' Judgment

- A. Matthew 18:20 – For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
- B. 1 Peter 4:17 – For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?
- C. 1 Corinthians 11:31 – For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.
- D. Hebrews 10:30 – For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.



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### **VI. The Church is a Place for Jesus' Purpose**

- A. Ephesians 5:23 – For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.
- B. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.
- C. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
- D. 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
- E. 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

### **VII. The Church is a Place of Jesus' Presence**

- A. Revelation 1:13 – And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.
- B. Revelation 2:1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

### **VIII. The Church is a Place of Perpetuity**

- A. Ephesians 3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- B. 15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
- C. 16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;
- D. 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
- E. 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
- F. 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.
- G. 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
- H. 21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

### **IX. The Greatest Leader of the Greatest Faith**

- A. Author and Finisher of our Faith
- B. Alpha and Omega
- C. The Beginning and the End
- D. Gave himself for a ransom to redeem the lost

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### **X. In a Physical Sense**

- A. Jesus Never Built a Building – but he built his church
- B. Jesus Never Wrote a Book – but his followers were inspired of God to write the New Testament
- C. Jesus Never Conquered a Kingdom – but he Defeated Death, Hell, Satan, Sin, and the Grave
- D. Jesus Never Defeated an Enemy – but he destroyed the works of the Devil – 1 John 3:8
- E. Jesus Never Gave Birth to a Race – but he made many Sons of God – John 1:12; 1 John 3:2

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### Lesson 39: Jesus Set Officers in the Church, First Apostles

#### I. Order of Leadership

- A. God
- B. Jesus
- C. Apostles
- D. New Testament
- E. Churches
- F. Ministers (Bishops, Deacons, Overseers, Elders, etc.)

#### II. Apostles First Set in the Church

- A. 1 Corinthians 12:28 – And God hath set some in the church, first apostles,
- B. secondarily prophets,
- C. thirdly teachers,
- D. after that miracles,
- E. then gifts of healings,
- F. helps,
- G. governments,
- H. diversities of tongues.

#### III. Apostles Had Authority Over All Churches

- A. Jerusalem – Acts 1
- B. Judaea – Acts 9:31-32
- C. Samaria – Acts 8:14
- D. Gentiles – Acts 15
- E. Power given to Apostles for edification – 2 Corinthians 10:8; 13:10
- F. Paul wrote 14 Epistles – 9 to churches, 4 to pastors (includes Philemon), 1 to Hebrews.
- G. John wrote 5 epistles, 1 gospel, 3 to churches, and 1 general.
- H. Pete wrote 2 general epistles
- I. James wrote 1 general epistle
- J. Jude wrote 1 general epistle
- K. Luke wrote 1 gospel and Acts
- L. Matthew and Mark wrote gospels

#### IV. Apostles are the Authors of the New Testament

- A. 2 Peter 1:12 – Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.
- B. 13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;
- C. 15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

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- D. 2 Peter 3:1 – This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:
- E. 2 Peter 3:15 – And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;
- F. 16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.
- G. 2 Timothy 3:14 – But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;
- H. 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- I. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- J. 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

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### Lesson 40: Jesus Gave Commandments to his Apostles

#### I. The Great Commission in Matthew

- A. Matthew 28:16 – Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.
- B. 17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.
- C. 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
- D. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- E. 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

#### II. The Commission in Mark

- A. Mark 16:14 – Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.
- B. 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
- C. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
- D. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
- E. 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
- F. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.
- G. 20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

#### III. The Commission in Luke

- A. Luke 24:44 – And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.
- B. 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,
- C. 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:
- D. 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
- E. 48 And ye are witnesses of these things.
- F. 49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.
- G. 50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

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- H. 51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

### IV. The Commission in John

- A. John 20:19 – Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.
- B. 20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.
- C. 21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.
- D. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:
- E. 23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

### V. The Commission in Acts

- A. Acts 1:4 – And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.
- B. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.
- C. 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?
- D. 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.
- E. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
- F. 9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

### VI. The Commission to Paul

- A. Acts 9:1 – And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,
- B. 2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.
- C. 3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:
- D. 4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
- E. 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

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- F. 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
- G. Acts 26:12 – Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,
- H. 13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.
- I. 14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
- J. 15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.
- K. 16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;
- L. 17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,
- M. 18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.
- N. 19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:
- O. 20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

### **VII. The Commission to the Antioch Church**

- A. Acts 13:1 – Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
- B. 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
- C. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.
- D. 4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

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### Lesson 41: Jesus Gave Gifts unto Men

#### I. Walk Worthy of the Vocation Wherewith Ye are Called

- A. Ephesians 4:1 – I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
- B. 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
- C. 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

#### II. God is a God of Order

- A. Ephesians 4:4 – There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- B. 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- C. 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

#### III. Every Believer Has a Gift from Christ

- A. 7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
- B. 8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
- C. 9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?)
- D. 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)
- E. 1 Corinthians 7:7 – For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.

#### IV. Gifts of Christ are Gifts of Men

- A. Ephesians 4:11 – And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- B. Some people were given apostles – the first churches.
- C. Some were given prophets – the first churches
- D. Some were given evangelists
- E. Some were given pastors and teachers
- F. Today, we have evangelists, pastors, and teachers.

#### V. The Threefold Work of All Ministers

- A. Ephesians 4:12 – For the perfecting of the saints,
- B. for the work of the ministry,
- C. for the edifying of the body of Christ:



**VI. The Labor Continues Until Christ Returns**

- A. 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
- B. 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- C. 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
- D. 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

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### Lesson 42: Counting the Cost

#### I. Being a Disciple will Cost a Person

- A. Luke 14:25 – And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,
- B. 26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.
- C. 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

#### II. Build a Life with Jesus Considering the Cost

- A. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?
- B. 29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,
- C. 30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

#### III. Go to Spiritual Warfare Considering the Cost

- A. 31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?
- B. 32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.
- C. 33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

#### IV. Believers Are to Be Salt

- A. 34 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?
- B. 35 It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.
- C. Matthew 5:13 – Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.
- D. Mark 9:49 – For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.
- E. 50 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

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### Lesson 43: No One Looking Back is Fit

#### V. Some Preach Without Authority

- A. Luke 9:49 – And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us.
- B. 50 And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.
- C. Philippians 1:12 – But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;
- D. 13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;
- E. 14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.
- F. 15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:
- G. 16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:
- H. 17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.
- I. 18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

#### VI. Some Preach With a Wrong Spirit

- A. Luke 9:51 – And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,
- B. 52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.
- C. 53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.
- D. 54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?
- E. 55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.
- F. 56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

#### VII. Some Followers are Not Fully Committed

- A. Luke 9:57 – And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.
- B. 58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.
- C. 59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.
- D. 60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

#### VIII. Many have Excuses

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- A. Luke 14:15 – And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.
- B. 16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:
- C. 17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.
- D. 18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.
- E. 19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.
- F. 20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.
- G. 21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.
- H. 22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.
- I. 23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.
- J. 24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

### IX. **Be Fit for the Kingdom of God**

- A. Luke 9: 61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.
- B. 62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

### X. **Peter's Admonition**

- A. 1 Peter 4:1 – Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;
- B. 2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.
- C. 3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:
- D. 4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:
- E. 5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.
- F. 2 Peter 2:20 – For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.
- G. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.
- H. 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

**XI. Paul's Instruction**

- A. 2 Corinthians 5:14 – For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:
- B. 15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.
- C. 16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.
- D. 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
- E. 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;
- F. 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.
- G. 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.
- H. 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

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### Lesson 44: Matthias Chosen and Ordained

#### I. Judas by Transgression Fell

- A. Acts 1:15 – And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)
- B. 16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.
- C. 17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.
- D. 18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.
- E. 19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.

#### II. Peter Knows the Scriptures

- A. Acts 1:20 – For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.
- B. John 13:18 – I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

#### III. Peter Sets the Standard for Judas' Replacement

- A. 21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,
- B. 22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

#### IV. Church Selects Candidates

- A. 23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.
- B. 24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,
- C. 25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.
- D. 26 And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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### Lesson 45: Deacons Chosen and Ordained

#### I. Jerusalem Church Grows to Over 7,000 Members

- A. Acts 2:41 – Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.
- B. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.
- C. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.
- D. 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;
- E. 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.
- F. 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,
- G. 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.
- H. Acts 4:1 – And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,
- I. 2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
- J. 3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.
- K. 4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

#### II. Murmuring of Church Members

- A. Acts 6:1 – And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

#### III. Apostles' Priority and Instruction

- A. Acts 6:2 – Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.
- B. 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
- C. 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

#### IV. Church Selects and Approves, the Apostles Ordain

- A. Acts 6:5 – And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

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- B. 6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.
- C. 7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.



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### Lesson 46: Deacon Stephen

#### I. Stephen Listed First of the Deacons

- A. Acts 6:5 – And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:
- B. This orders shows Stephen's character as a servant of God

#### II. Stephen did Great Wonders and Miracles

- A. Acts 6:8 – And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

#### III. Jews Seek to Destroy Stephen

- A. Acts 6:9 – Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.
- B. 10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.
- C. 11 Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.
- D. 12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council,
- E. 13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:
- F. 14 For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.
- G. 15 And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

#### IV. Apology of Stephen

- A. Acts 7:1-53
- B. Starts with Abaraham (v. 2) and records the rebellion of Israel through Solomon (v. 47)
- C. Stephen's Invitation:
- D. 51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.
- E. 52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:
- F. 53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.

#### V. Jews Come Forward at the Invitation

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- A. 54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.
- B. 55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,
- C. 56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.
- D. 57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,
- E. 58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

### **VI. Death of Stephen**

- A. 59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.
- B. 60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

### **VII. Paul was A Witness to Stephen's Death**

- A. Acts 7:58 – And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.
- B. Acts 8:1 – And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.
- C. Acts 22:20 – And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

### **VIII. The Results of Stephen's Death**

- A. Acts 8:1 – And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.
- B. 2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.
- C. 3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.
- D. 4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.
- E. Acts 1:8 fulfilled – But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

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### Lesson 47: Evangelist Philip

#### I. Philip First a Deacon

- A. Acts 6:5 – And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

#### II. Work with the Ethiopian

- A. Acts 8:26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.
- B. 27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,
- C. 28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.
- D. 29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.
- E. 30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?
- F. 31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.
- G. 32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:
- H. 33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.
- I. 34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?
- J. 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.
- K. 36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?
- L. 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
- M. 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.
- N. 39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.
- O. 40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

#### III. Called an Evangelist

- A. Acts 8:5 – Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.
- B. 6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

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- C. 12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
- D. 13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.
- E. Acts 21:8 – And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.
- F. 9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

### IV. Qualifications for an Evangelist

- A. Use of the word Evangelist only three places in the Bible:
- B. Ephesians 4:11 – And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- C. 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
- D. 2 Timothy 4:5 – But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.
- E. Acts 21:8 – And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.
- F. Philip – first a deacon, then an evangelist.
- G. Timothy – first a bishop, then does the work of an evangelist.
- H. Both are church authorized, ordained, and sent.
- I. An Evangelist should have same qualifications as a Bishop or a Deacon.

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### Lesson 48: Paul Chosen and Ordained

#### I. Paul Served in Interchurch Service Before Separated Service

- A. Acts 11:25 – Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:
- B. 26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.
- C. 27 And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.
- D. 28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.
- E. 29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea:
- F. 30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.
- G. Acts 12:25 – And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

#### II. Paul Ordained in Acts 13

- A. Acts 13:1 – Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
- B. 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
- C. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.
- D. 4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

#### III. Description of Paul

- A. Formerly called Saul
- B. Romans 11:13 – For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:
- C. 1 Timothy 2:7 – Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.
- D. 2 Timothy 1:1 – Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,
- E. 11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.
- F. Acts 9: 11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,
- G. 12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.
- H. 13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:
- I. 14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

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- J. 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:
- K. 16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.
- L. 17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.
- M. 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.
- N. 19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.
- O. 20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.
- P. 21 But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?
- Q. 22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.
- R. 23 And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:
- S. 24 But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.
- T. 25 Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.
- U. 26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.
- V. 27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.
- W. 28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.
- X. 29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.
- Y. 30 Which when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.
- Z. 31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

### IV. Paul's Previous Life Before and After Christ

- A. 1 Timothy 1:15 – This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.
- B. 16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.
- C. Philippians 3:4 – Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:
- D. 5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;
- E. 6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

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- F. 2 Corinthians 11:21 – I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also.
- G. 22 Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I.
- H. 23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.
- I. 24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.
- J. 25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;
- K. 26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;
- L. 27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.
- M. 28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.
- N. 29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?
- O. 30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.
- P. 31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.
- Q. 32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:
- R. 33 And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

**Lesson 49: Qualifications of a Bishop**

**I. Qualifications in 1 Timothy 3**

- A. 1 Timothy 3:1 – This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.
- B. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
- C. 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;
- D. 4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;
- E. 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
- F. 6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
- G. 7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.
- H. 8 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;
- I. 9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.
- J. 10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.
- K. 11 Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.
- L. 12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

**II. Qualifications in Titus 1**

- A. Titus 1:5 – For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:
- B. 6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.
- C. 7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;
- D. 8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;
- E. 9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.



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### Lesson 50: Qualification of a Deacon

#### I. Qualifications in Acts 6

- A. Acts 6:1 – And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.
- B. 2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.
- C. 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
- D. 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.
- E. 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:
- F. 6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.
- G. 7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

#### II. Qualifications in 1 Timothy 3

- A. 1 Timothy 3:8 – Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;
- B. 9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.
- C. 10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.
- D. 11 Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.
- E. 12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.
- F. 13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

**Lesson 51: Peter's Exhortation to Elders**

**I. Peter's Exhortation to Overseers**

- A. 1 Peter 5:1 – The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:
- B. 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;
- C. 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.
- D. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

**II. Younger Preachers to Honor Elder Preachers**

- A. 5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.
- B. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:
- C. 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

**III. Charge for Soberness**

- A. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:
- B. 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.
- C. 10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.
- D. 11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

**Lesson 52: Paul's Exhortation to Elders**

**I. Paul's Exhortation to the Ephesian Elders**

- A. Introductory and Personal Testimony
- B. Acts 20:17 – And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.
- C. 18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,
- D. 19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:
- E. 20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,
- F. 21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

**II. Paul's Intentions**

- A. 22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:
- B. 23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.
- C. 24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.
- D. 25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.
- E. 26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.
- F. 27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

**III. Paul's Charge to the Elders**

- A. 28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
- B. 29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.
- C. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.
- D. 31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.
- E. 32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

**IV. Paul's Parting Words**

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- A. 33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.
- B. 34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.
- C. 35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.
- D. 36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

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### Lesson 53: Paul's Exhortation to Timothy

#### I. Chapter 1

- A. 2 Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.
- B. 3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,
- C. 18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;
- D. 19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

#### II. Chapter 2

- A. 1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;
- B. 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
- C. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;
- D. 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

#### III. Chapter 3

- A. 1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.
- B. 14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:
- C. 15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

#### IV. Chapter 4

- A. 6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.
- B. 7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.
- C. 8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.
- D. 9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.
- E. 10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.
- F. 11 These things command and teach.
- G. 12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
- H. 13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

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- I. 14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.
- J. 15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.
- K. 16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

### V. Chapter 5

- A. 1 Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren;
- B. 2 The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.
- C. 3 Honour widows that are widows indeed.
- D. 7 And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless.
- E. 8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.
- F. 9 Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man,
- G. 10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.
- H. 11 But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry;
- I. 12 Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.
- J. 17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.
- K. 18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.
- L. 19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.
- M. 20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.
- N. 21 I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.
- O. 22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.
- P. 23 Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

### VI. Chapter 6

- A. 11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.
- B. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.
- C. 13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;
- D. 14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

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- E. 15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;
- F. 16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.
- G. 20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:
- H. 21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.

### VII. 2 Timothy Chapter 1

- A. 4 Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;
- B. 5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.
- C. 6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.
- D. 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
- E. 8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

### VIII. Chapter 2

- A. 1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
- B. 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.
- C. 3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
- D. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.
- E. 5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.
- F. 6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.
- G. 7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.
- H. 20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.
- I. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.
- J. 22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
- K. 23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.
- L. 24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,
- M. 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
- N. 26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

### IX. Chapter 3

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- A. 14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;
- B. 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- C. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- D. 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

### X. Chapter 4

- A. 1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;
- B. 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
- C. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
- D. 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.
- E. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.
- F. 6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.
- G. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
- H. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.
- I. 9 Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me:



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### Lesson 54: Paul's Exhortation to Titus

#### I. Chapter 1

- A. Titus 1:4 – To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.
- B. 5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

#### II. Chapter 2

- A. Titus 2:1 – But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:
- B. 7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,
- C. 8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

#### III. Chapter 3

- A. Titus 3:1 – Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,
- B. 2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.
- C. 9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.
- D. 10 A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;
- E. 11 Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

**Lesson 55: The Laborer is Worthy**

**I. Preacher Are Worthy of Pay**

- A. Luke 10:7 – And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.
- B. 1 Timothy 5:17 – Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.
- C. 18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.

**II. Preachers Should Take a Salary**

- A. First partakers – 2 Timothy 2:6
- B. Not taking pay is breaking a commandment and stops the cycle of blessing from the Lord.
- C. Not taking pay robs people of a blessing – Luke 6:38.

**III. People Prosper Financially When They Obey Financial Commandments**

- A. Preacher is paid
- B. Tithes, Offerings, and alms – Malachi 3:10
- C. Missionary support – 2 Corinthians 9:10

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### Lesson 56: Being the Ensample

#### I. Leaders Should Lead by Ensample

- A. 2 Thessalonians 3:9 – Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.
- B. 1 Peter 5:3 – Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

#### II. Actions Speak Louder than Words

- A. 1 Samuel 2:3 – Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.
- B. Matthew 23:3 – All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.
- C. Luke 12:1 – In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

#### III. Do and Teach

- A. Matthew 5:19 – Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- B. Acts 1:1 – The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,
- C. Romans 2:13 – (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.
- D. James 1:22 – But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

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### Lesson 57: Know the State of Your Flocks

#### I. Pastor to Care for the Flock

- A. Acts 20:28 – Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
- B. 29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.
- C. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.
- D. 31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.
- E. 32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.
- F. Colossians 4:17 – And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.
- G. 1 Timothy 4:16 – Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.
- H. 1 Peter 5:2 – Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

#### II. Paul Cared to Know the State of the Churches

- A. Philippians 2:19 – But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.
- B. Colossians 4:8 – Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;
- C. 1 Thessalonians 3:5 – For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.

#### III. Know the State of Your Flocks

- A. Proverbs 27:23 – Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.
- B. 24 For riches are not for ever: and doth the crown endure to every generation?
- C. 25 The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered.
- D. 26 The lambs are for thy clothing, and the goats are the price of the field.
- E. 27 And thou shalt have goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and for the maintenance for thy maidens.

#### IV. Lessons from the Above Passage

- A. Be diligent to know

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- B. Look well to the herds
- C. Income goes up and down
- D. Take advantage of the good times
- E. Your business will provide for your needs
- F. Your business will provide extra for others

**Lesson 58: Not Being Chargeable**

**I. Preachers to be a Blessing, not a Burden**

- A. Matthew 11:30 – For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
- B. Matthew 23:4 – For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.
- C. Luke 11:46 – And he said, Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.
- D. Acts 15:28 – For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater **burden** than these necessary things;
- E. 2 Corinthians 8:13 – For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened:
- F. 2 Corinthians 11:9 – And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself.
- G. 2 Corinthians 12:13 – For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except it be that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong.
- H. 14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.
- I. Galatians 6:2 – Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.
- J. 5 For every man shall bear his own burden.
- K. 1 Thessalonians 2:6 – Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.

**II. Jesus Came to Serve, not to be Served**

- A. Luke 22:26 – But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.
- B. 27 For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.
- C. Galatians 5:13 – For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

**III. Churches Should Look Forward to the Preacher's Visit**

- A. Romans 15:29 – And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.
- B. 1 Corinthians 4:21 – What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?
- C. 1 Corinthians 11:34 – And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.
- D. 1 Corinthians 14:6 – Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

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- E. 1 Corinthians 16:2 – Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.
- F. 3 And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.
- G. 2 Corinthians 13:2 – I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare:
- H. 3 John 1:10 – Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.

### IV. It Is More Blessed to Give than to Receive

- A. Acts 20:35
- B. Bring a blessing to the church
- C. Give, not take from the church
- D. Personal Testimony:

As an example, and not to puff up myself, I give the following account of our work in Peru. Since 2016 we have been visiting and supporting indigenous missionaries in Peru. Although the brethren are poor compared to our standards in the US (they earn about 20 dollars a day average), they live well, they are good managers of their funds, and they give and labor for the Lord.

However, they cannot afford to pay for airfare for visiting preachers from the US. The brethren are gracious to provide housing and food, but even that expense can be a burden to the hosting church.

When we travel there, we send money ahead to prepare for our added expenses. We give good offerings to the church. We pay our own way and try to be a blessing to the church by bringing material things they may have use of.

In short, we are not a burden to them. We plan and prepare financially so as to be a blessing to the brethren. Furthermore, at the mission conference we give each missionary a generous love offering. This will help with their individual travels.

Then, I use a technique taught to me by J. G. Tharpe. He understood the right for a church to give to visiting preachers and the right for a preacher to receive that offering. However, when churches are struggling financially, he would receive the offering, but then ask the preacher in confidence if he could use the money however he liked. The preacher would say, “of course.” At this point he would ask the preacher if he could give the offering to his wife to be used as she saw fit.

I have used this technique many times. It is a way to be both a good receiver and a good giver.

### V. Paul “Carried his Own Weight”

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- A. Galatians 6:2 – Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.
- B. 5 For every man shall bear his own burden.
- C. He bore the burdens of others.
- D. He was not chargeable to churches.
- E. He labored more abundantly.
- F. His own hands provided for his needs and the needs of others.
- G. He set a pattern for others to follow.
- H. If any would not work, neither should he eat – 2 Thessalonians 3:10



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### Lesson 59 Working Priorities

#### I. Churches Should Give to their Ministers

- A. First partaker of the fruits – 1 Corinthians 9:10-14; 2 Timothy 2:6
- B. Pastor should be paid before any other things.
- C. Minister carnal things for spiritual things – Romans 15:27; Galatians 6:6; 1 Corinthians 9:11
- D. Philippians 4:16 – For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

#### II. Who Labors for Naught?

- A. 1 Corinthians 9:7 – Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?

#### III. Preachers Not to Minister for Filthy Lucre

- A. 1 Timothy 3:3 – Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;
- B. 8 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;
- C. Titus 1:7 – For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;
- D. 11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.
- E. 1 Peter 5:2 – Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

#### IV. Do Your Own Business

- A. Luke 2:49 – And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?
- B. Acts 6:3 – Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
- C. Romans 12:11 – Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;
- D. Romans 16:2 – That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.
- E. 1 Thessalonians 4:11 – And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

#### V. Paul Labored for the Work

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- A. 1 Corinthians 9:15 – But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.
- B. Acts 20:33 – I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.
- C. 34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.
- D. 35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.
- E. Paul showed he was not in the ministry for filthy lucre's sake
- F. Ministers to serve God and the church before world.

### VI. **Make Friends of the Mammon of Unrighteousness**

- A. Luke 16:9 – And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.
- B. 10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.
- C. 11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?
- D. 12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?
- E. 13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

### VII. **When a Preacher Earns Money from the World**

- A. Gives no opportunity to the enemy to say he lazy or is in the ministry for the money
- B. Shows himself a good testimony for other to work. How can he preach for others to work if he does not do the same?
- C. No hypocrisy.
- D. He is a head instead of a tail.
- E. He can provide for nice things for his family (family comes first before the ministry).
- F. He can give more to God.
- G. He can give more to missions.
- H. He can give more to the church.
- I. He can better save.
- J. He can better prepare for the future.
- K. He can better help others.
- L. He can better give an inheritance to grandchildren
- M. He is a better testimony of God's providence

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### Lesson 60: Keeping Ministries out of Debt

#### I. **Church Ministries Should be Kept Debt Free**

- A. Borrower is servant to the lender – Proverbs 22:7
- B. No man can serve two masters – Matthew 6:24
- C. God can provide miraculously – Matthew 17:27

#### II. **God's Work Supported God's Way**

- A. By faith – Hebrews 12:1-2
- B. By God's supply – Philippians 4:19
- C. Seeking first the Kingdom of God – Matthew 6:33

#### III. **God's Work Supported by God's People**

- A. Tithes
- B. Offerings
- C. Alms
- D. Missions
- E. Taking nothing from the Gentiles – 3 John 1:7

#### IV. **Do Not Operate Ministries in Covetousness**

- A. Be content with such things as ye have – Hebrews 13:5
- B. Learn to be content in any state – Philippians 4:11
- C. Pray for needs – Matthew 6:11

#### V. **No Mun, No Fun**

- A. If there are a lack of funds, you should not proceed with project.
- B. Or save up and work toward a goal to prove its worth.

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### Lesson 61: Being the Pattern to Follow

#### I. Leaders Lead by Ensample

- A. 1 Peter 5:3 – Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

#### II. Leaders to Have a Pattern of Good Works

- A. 1 Timothy 1:16 – Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.
- B. Titus 2:7 – In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

#### III. Leaders to Follow Christ

- A. 1 Corinthians 4:16 – Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.
- B. 1 Corinthians 11:1 – Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.
- C. Ephesians 5:1 – Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
- D. Philippians 3:17 – Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.
- E. 1 Thessalonians 1:6 – And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:
- F. 1 Thessalonians 2:14 – For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:
- G. Hebrews 6:12 – That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
- H. 1 Peter 3:13 – And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

#### IV. A Preacher's Understanding

- A. A pastor should understand that his flock will conform to his image.
- B. He needs to be careful to set the right pattern to follow as he will have a church full of followers.
- C. He should be loving not unkind.
- D. He should be meek not harsh.
- E. He should be patient and longsuffering to others.
- F. He should live a good and holy life at the highest standard.
- G. Pastors need a “long vision” to operate in patience.