

THE PROMISES OF GOD

Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it *flow* the springs of life.
~ **Proverbs 4:23** ~

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

For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.
~ **2 Corinthians 1:20** ~

ANGER

- 📖 **Proverbs 14:29** ~ ²⁹He who is slow to anger has great understanding, But he who is quick-tempered exalts folly.
- 📖 **Proverbs 15:18** ~ ¹⁸A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, But the slow to anger calms a dispute.
- 📖 **Proverbs 16:32** ~ ³²He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.
- 📖 **Ephesians 4:31–32** ~ ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.
- 📖 **James 1:19–20** ~ ¹⁹*This* you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger; ²⁰for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

ANXIETY

- 📖 **Proverbs 24:19–20** ~ ¹⁹Do not fret because of evildoers Or be envious of the wicked; ²⁰For there will be no future for the evil man; The lamp of the wicked will be put out.
- 📖 **Matthew 6:31–33** ~ ³¹“Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’ ³²“For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
- 📖 **Philippians 4:6–7** ~ ⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- 📖 **1 Peter 5:6–7** ~ ⁶Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, ⁷casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

COVETOUSNESS/ GREED

- 📖 **Proverbs 11:28** ~ ²⁸He who trusts in his riches will fall, But the righteous will flourish like the *green* leaf.

- 📖 **Proverbs 19:17** ~ ¹⁷One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, And He will repay him for his good deed.
- 📖 **Proverbs 28:20** ~ ²⁰A faithful man will abound with blessings, But he who makes haste to be rich will not go unpunished.
- 📖 **Matthew 6:24** ~ ²⁴No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.
- 📖 **Philippians 4:19** ~ ¹⁹And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
- 📖 **1 Timothy 6:10** ~ ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.
- 📖 **Hebrews 13:5** ~ ⁵*Make sure that* your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,"

DEPRESSION

- 📖 **Psalms 42:5** ~ ⁵Why are you in despair, O my soul? And *why* have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him *For* the help of His presence.
- 📖 **Psalms 94:17–19** ~ ¹⁷If the Lord had not been my help, My soul would soon have dwelt in *the abode of* silence. ¹⁸If I should say, "My foot has slipped," Your lovingkindness, O Lord, will hold me up. ¹⁹When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your consolations delight my soul.
- 📖 **Micah 7:7–9** ~ ⁷But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me. ⁸Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy. Though I fall I will rise; Though I dwell in darkness, the Lord is a light for me. ⁹I will bear the indignation of the Lord Because I have sinned against Him, Until He pleads my case and executes justice for me. He will bring me out to the light, *And* I will see His righteousness.
- 📖 **Habakkuk 3:17–18** ~ ¹⁷Though the fig tree should not blossom And there be no fruit on the vines, *Though* the yield of the olive should fail And the fields produce no food, Though the flock should be cut off from the fold And there be no cattle in the stalls, ¹⁸Yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.
- 📖 **Philippians 4:4** ~ ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

DIVISIVENESS

- 📖 **Proverbs 6:16, 19** ~ ¹⁶There are six things which the Lord hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him... one who spreads strife among brothers.
- 📖 **Proverbs 26:20–21** ~ ²⁰For lack of wood the fire goes out, And where there is no whisperer, contention quiets down. ²¹*Like* charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife.
- 📖 **Proverbs 29:16** ~ ¹⁶When the wicked increase, transgression increases; But the righteous will see their fall.
- 📖 **Ephesians 4:1–3** ~ ¹Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, ³being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- 📖 **Titus 3:10** ~ ¹⁰Reject a factious man after a first and second warning,

FEAR OF MAN

- 📖 **Psalm 56:10–11** ~ ¹⁰In God, *whose* word I praise, In the Lord, *whose* word I praise, ¹¹In God I have put my trust, I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?
- 📖 **Proverbs 29:25** ~ ²⁵The fear of man brings a snare, But he who trusts in the Lord will be exalted.
- 📖 **Luke 12:4–5** ~ ⁴I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. ⁵But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!
- 📖 **John 5:44** ~ ⁴⁴How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the *one and* only God?
- 📖 **1 Corinthians 4:3–5** ~ ³But to me it is a very small thing that I may be examined by you, or by *any* human court; in fact, I do not even examine myself. ⁴For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord. ⁵Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

FLATTERY

- 📖 **Proverbs 27:5–6** ~ ⁵Better is open rebuke Than love that is concealed. ⁶Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.
- 📖 **Proverbs 28:23** ~ ²³He who rebukes a man will afterward find *more* favor Than he who flatters with the tongue.
- 📖 **Ephesians 4:15** ~ ¹⁵but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ,
- 📖 **Ephesians 4:25** ~ ²⁵Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one *of you* with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.

FORGIVENESS

- 📖 **Proverbs 17:9** ~ ⁹He who conceals a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends.
- 📖 **Matthew 6:14** ~ ¹⁴For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
- 📖 **Matthew 18:21–22** ~ ²¹Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.
- 📖 **Ephesians 4:31–32** ~ ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.
- 📖 **1 Peter 4:8** ~ ⁸Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

GOSSIP

- 📖 **Proverbs 11:13** ~ ¹³He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is trustworthy conceals a matter.

- 📖 **Proverbs 16:28** ~ ²⁸A perverse man spreads strife, And a slanderer separates intimate friends.
- 📖 **Proverbs 20:19** ~ ¹⁹He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, Therefore do not associate with a gossip.
- 📖 **Ephesians 4:29** ~ ²⁹Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a *word* as is good for edification according to the need *of the moment*, so that it will give grace to those who hear.
- 📖 **Titus 3:3** ~ ³For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

GRUMBLING

- 📖 **Philippians 2:14–15** ~ ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing; ¹⁵so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,
- 📖 **1 Corinthians 10:10** ~ ¹⁰Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

GUILT

- 📖 **Proverbs 28:1** ~ ¹The wicked flee when no one is pursuing, But the righteous are bold as a lion.
- 📖 **Psalms 32:5** ~ ⁵I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"; And You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah.
- 📖 **Psalms 51:1–2** ~ ¹Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin.
- 📖 **Romans 5:1** ~ ¹Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 📖 **Romans 8:1** ~ ¹Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
- 📖 **Romans 8:33–34** ~ ³³Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; ³⁴who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

HYPOCRISY, HIDDEN SINS

- 📖 **Proverbs 10:9** ~ ⁹He who walks in integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will be found out.
- 📖 **Proverbs 11:20** ~ ²⁰The perverse in heart are an abomination to the Lord, But the blameless in *their* walk are His delight.
- 📖 **Proverbs 14:2** ~ ²He who walks in his uprightness fears the Lord, But he who is devious in his ways despises Him.
- 📖 **Proverbs 28:13** ~ ¹³He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes *them* will find compassion.
- 📖 **Matthew 15:7–8** ~ ⁷"You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you: ⁸"This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me.
- 📖 **Matthew 23:28** ~ ²⁸"So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

- 📖 **Luke 16:15** ~ ¹⁵And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God.

JEALOUSY

- 📖 **Proverbs 14:30** ~ ³⁰A tranquil heart is life to the body, But passion is rottenness to the bones.
- 📖 **1 Corinthians 13:4** ~ ⁴Love is patient, love is kind *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant,
- 📖 **Philippians 4:11–12** ~ ¹¹Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. ¹²I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.
- 📖 **James 3:16** ~ ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.
- 📖 **James 4:2–3** ~ ²You lust and do not have; *so* you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; *so* you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

JOY IN CHRIST

- 📖 **Psalms 16:11** ~ ¹¹You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.
- 📖 **John 15:11** ~ ¹¹These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.
- 📖 **Philippians 4:4** ~ ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!
- 📖 **1 Peter 1:8** ~ ⁸and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

LAZINESS

- 📖 **Proverbs 12:24** ~ ²⁴The hand of the diligent will rule, But the slack *hand* will be put to forced labor.
- 📖 **Proverbs 14:23** ~ ²³In all labor there is profit, But mere talk *leads* only to poverty.
- 📖 **Colossians 3:23–24** ~ ²³Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.
- 📖 **Ephesians 5:15–16** ~ ¹⁵Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

LOVE OF GOD

- 📖 **Zephaniah 3:17** ~ ¹⁷The Lord your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.
- 📖 **John 15:9** ~ ⁹Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.
- 📖 **John 17:23** ~ ²³I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

- 📖 **Romans 5:8** ~ ⁸But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- 📖 **Romans 8:38–39** ~ ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

LUST

- 📖 **Job 31:1** ~ ¹I have made a covenant with my eyes; How then could I gaze at a virgin?
- 📖 **Psalms 119:9–11** ~ ⁹How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping *it* according to Your word. ¹⁰With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. ¹¹Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.
- 📖 **Proverbs 6:32–33** ~ ³²The one who commits adultery with a woman is lacking sense; He who would destroy himself does it. ³³Wounds and disgrace he will find, And his reproach will not be blotted out.
- 📖 **Matthew 5:27–29** ~ ²⁷You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery'; ²⁸but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.
- 📖 **Romans 13:13–14** ~ ¹³Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to *its* lusts.
- 📖 **Philippians 4:8** ~ ⁸Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.
- 📖 **2 Timothy 2:22** ~ ²²Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love *and* peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.
- 📖 **1 Peter 2:11** ~ ¹¹Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

LYING, DECEPTION

- 📖 **Proverbs 6:16–19** ~ ¹⁶There are six things which the Lord hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: ¹⁷Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, ¹⁹A false witness *who* utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.
- 📖 **Proverbs 12:19** ~ ¹⁹Truthful lips will be established forever, But a lying tongue is only for a moment.
- 📖 **Proverbs 12:22** ~ ²²Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, But those who deal faithfully are His delight.
- 📖 **Proverbs 19:5** ~ ⁵A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who tells lies will not escape.
- 📖 **John 8:44** ~ ⁴⁴You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

- 📖 **Ephesians 4:25** ~ ²⁵Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one *of you* with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.
- 📖 **Colossians 3:9** ~ ⁹Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices,

PARTIALITY, INJUSTICE

- 📖 **Proverbs 28:21** ~ ²¹To show partiality is not good, Because for a piece of bread a man will transgress.
- 📖 **Micah 6:8** ~ ⁸He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?
- 📖 **Luke 7:34** ~ ³⁴The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'
- 📖 **James 2:8–9** ~ ⁸If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin *and* are convicted by the law as transgressors.

PRESUMPTION

- 📖 **Proverbs 13:10** ~ ¹⁰Through insolence comes nothing but strife, But wisdom is with those who receive counsel.
- 📖 **Proverbs 18:13** ~ ¹³He who gives an answer before he hears, It is folly and shame to him.
- 📖 **Proverbs 18:17** ~ ¹⁷The first to plead his case *seems* right, *Until* another comes and examines him.
- 📖 **Proverbs 25:8–10** ~ ⁸Do not go out hastily to argue *your case*; Otherwise, what will you do in the end, When your neighbor humiliates you? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor, And do not reveal the secret of another, ¹⁰Or he who hears *it* will reproach you, And the evil report about you will not pass away.

PRIDE

- 📖 **Proverbs 11:2** ~ ²When pride comes, then comes dishonor, But with the humble is wisdom.
- 📖 **Proverbs 16:18** ~ ¹⁸Pride *goes* before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.
- 📖 **Proverbs 29:23** ~ ²³A man's pride will bring him low, But a humble spirit will obtain honor.
- 📖 **Isaiah 66:2** ~ ²For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the Lord. "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.
- 📖 **Luke 14:11** ~ ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."
- 📖 **Romans 12:3** ~ ³For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.
- 📖 **1 Corinthians 4:7** ~ ⁷For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?
- 📖 **Philippians 2:3–4** ~ ³Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

- 📖 **1 Peter 5:5** ~ ⁵You younger men, likewise, be subject to *your* elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

SELF-CONTROL

- 📖 **Proverbs 25:28** ~ ²⁸*Like* a city that is broken into *and* without walls Is a man who has no control over his spirit.
- 📖 **Proverbs 29:11** ~ ¹¹A fool always loses his temper, But a wise man holds it back.
- 📖 **Galatians 5:22–23** ~ ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
- 📖 **2 Peter 1:5–6** ~ ⁵Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge, ⁶and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness,

SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

- 📖 **Luke 18:11–14** ~ ¹¹The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."
- 📖 **Romans 14:4** ~ ⁴Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.
- 📖 **1 Corinthians 4:7** ~ ⁷For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

SELF-WILL, ARROGANCE

- 📖 **Proverbs 9:7–9** ~ ⁷He who corrects a scoffer gets dishonor for himself, And he who reproves a wicked man *gets* insults for himself. ⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you, Reprove a wise man and he will love you. ⁹Give *instruction* to a wise man and he will be still wiser, Teach a righteous man and he will increase *his* learning.
- 📖 **Proverbs 15:31–32** ~ ³¹He whose ear listens to the life-giving reproof Will dwell among the wise. ³²He who neglects discipline despises himself, But he who listens to reproof acquires understanding.
- 📖 **Proverbs 18:1–2** ~ ¹He who separates himself seeks *his own* desire, He quarrels against all sound wisdom. ²A fool does not delight in understanding, But only in revealing his own mind.
- 📖 **Titus 1:7** ~ ⁷For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain,
- 📖 **1 Corinthians 13:4** ~ ⁴Love is patient, love is kind *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant,

SELFISHNESS

- 📖 **Mark 10:45** ~ ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

- 📖 **James 4:1–3** ~ ¹What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? ²You lust and do not have; *so* you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; *so* you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.
- 📖 **2 Corinthians 8:3–5** ~ ³For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, *they gave* of their own accord, ⁴begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, ⁵and *this*, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

SUBMISSION

- 📖 **Romans 13:1** ~ ¹Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.
- 📖 **Ephesians 5:21** ~ ²¹and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.
- 📖 **Ephesians 6:1–3** ~ ¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), ³so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.
- 📖 **Hebrews 13:17** ~ ¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit *to them*, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.
- 📖 **James 4:7** ~ ⁷Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

SUFFERING

- 📖 **Romans 5:1–5** ~ ¹Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. ³And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; ⁵and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
- 📖 **Romans 8:28–32** ~ ²⁸And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? ³²He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?
- 📖 **2 Corinthians 12:9–10** ~ ⁹And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.
- 📖 **Philippians 1:29** ~ ²⁹For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,
- 📖 **2 Timothy 3:12** ~ ¹²Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.
- 📖 **1 Peter 2:21** ~ ²¹For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

TRIALS

- 📖 **Proverbs 3:5–6** ~ ⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.
- 📖 **Proverbs 17:3** ~ ³The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the Lord tests hearts.
- 📖 **2 Corinthians 1:3–4** ~ ³Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.
- 📖 **2 Corinthians 4:16–18** ~ ¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, ¹⁸while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.
- 📖 **1 Peter 1:6–7** ~ ⁶In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, ⁷so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
- 📖 **1 Peter 5:9–10** ~ ⁹But resist him, firm in *your* faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. ¹⁰After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen *and* establish you.
- 📖 **James 1:2–5** ~ ²Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, ³knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ⁵But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

WORLDLINESS

- 📖 **Proverbs 12:11** ~ ¹¹He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, But he who pursues worthless *things* lacks sense.
- 📖 **Psalms 16:11** ~ ¹¹You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.
- 📖 **Matthew 6:19–21** ~ ¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- 📖 **Colossians 3:1–2** ~ ¹Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.
- 📖 **1 John 2:15–17** ~ ¹⁵Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.