

## FOREVER FORWARD

### VERSES AND PRINCIPLES

Ephesians 5:15-16: “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Vs.16: Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

Deuteronomy 32:2: “Let my teaching fall on you like rain; let my speech settle like dew.”

Jude 12 – “Clouds without water carried along by the wind.”

Isaiah 43:20 – “I give water in the wilderness and rivers in the desert to give drink to my people.”

Ephesians 5:26 – “The washing of water with the word.”

Hebrews 12:2-3: “Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Vs.3: For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

PRINCIPLE: Our Lord Jesus Christ never quit one time in 33 years. Will you quit. If you don't utilize the assets God has given you and if you don't keep your eyes on Christ, you will. That's why scripture says, “Don't get weary”; “Don't give up”; “Don't lose heart and don't lose faith”.

PRINCIPLE: Logistical Grace provisions provide each day for you to learn and execute God's Protocol Plan.

**Ps 34:11-14**: “Come my children, listen to me. I will teach you respect for the Lord. Who is the person who desires life and **LOVES LENGTH OF DAYS** that he may see the good (**THE PLAN OF GOD**) Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, do good and pursue it (**THE PLAN OF GOD**).”

**PRINCIPLE**: “**LENGTH OF DAYS**” equals playing time, game time. No one wants to sit on the bench and watch others do the job you were designed for!

**Proverbs 3:13-17**: “How happy is the person who finds doctrine, and the person who gains understanding. For her (**BIBLE DOCTRINE**) profit is better than the profit of silver, and her gain better than fine gold. She (**BIBLE DOCTRINE**) is more precious than precious stones, and nothing you desire compares with her. Length of days is in her (**DOCTRINE’S**) right hand, and in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and her paths are prosperity.”

**PRINCIPLE**: The protocol Plan of God is the process by which we grow to be winners in time (**ONE DAY AT A TIME**).

**Psalms 25:5**: “Guide me with Your doctrine and train (routine, persistence, repetition) me, because You are the God of my deliverance.”

**Jeremiah 9:23-24**: “Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might, Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches; **Vs.24**: But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight, “says the Lord.”

**Ezekiel 33:31**: “So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain.”

**STUDY** – **2 Timothy 2:15**: “Study” to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

The verb “study” is the Greek word “spoudazo” and is an imperative mood in the Greek New Testament. It is a command not a request.

**LEARN** – **Matthew 11:29-30**: “Take My yoke upon you and “learn” from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Vs.30: For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

The verb “learn” is the Greek word “manthano” and it’s another imperative mood.

**GROW** – **2 Peter 3:18**: “but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...”

The verb “grow” is our third imperative mood and it’s the Greek word “auxano”.

**Note**: *The imperative mood in scripture expresses a command to the hearer to perform a certain action by order and authority of the one commanding – Jesus Christ – our Commanding Officer.*

**PRINCIPLE**: Following Jesus Christ is not an intermittent emotional high minus spiritual preparation and training. Your routine must be daily.

**1 Corinthians 9:24-27**: “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. **Vs.25**: An everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. **Vs.26**: There for I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus, I fight: not as one who beats the air. **Vs.27**: But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.”

**2 Timothy 2:5**: “And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.”

**PRINCIPLE**: Greatness is not in the moment. Greatness is day after day of routine and moving ahead in the Plan of God. That’s greatness! It’s not glamorous.

**PRINCIPLE**: The spiritual life must come first then everything else falls in place. You must put spiritual growth first.

**PRINCIPLE**: There is only one reason to be consistent in Bible Class (In attending) and it’s to grow spiritually (there are a lot of excuses to miss; to take the day off; to forget spiritual nourishment). I bet you don’t forget any meals!

**PRINCIPLE**: The time the Lord has given you is so valuable that you have been given time so you develop wisdom and understanding so you can re-present Jesus Christ in your life.

**Bottom line** – Following Christ is a lifelong pursuit that must be consistently chosen and fulfilled despite the difficulty.**2 Peter**

**3:18**, “But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; to Him be glory, both now and in the day of eternity.”

## DOCTRINE OF SPIRITUAL APPROVAL

1 Peter 2:21 – “For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps.”

Romans 5:3 – “and not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;”

PRINCIPLE: Some of the greatest heartbreaks will be when close friends and family don't get serious about studying Bible Doctrine and it divides us.

Hebrews 11:1 – “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” It's the confidence in the invisible assets God has given to you. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you have invisible assets.

Ephesians 6:16 – Faith can protect you – “in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.”

2 Corinthians 10:15 – Faith can grow...if it's watered by the Word “not boasting beyond our measure, that is in other men's labors, but with the hope that as your faith grows...”. You plant faith and it will grow.

Romans 10:17 – “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.”

There's saving faith...”for by grace you are saved by faith it's a gift from God not of works lest any man should boast.”

There's living faith – Habakkuk 2:4 – “Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith.”

and Galatians 3:11 – “Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for the righteous man shall live by faith.”

1 John 5:3 says, “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.”

Deuteronomy 5 – “Love the Lord God with all your heart with all your soul, with all your strength”.

**Ecclesiastes 7:14** – says, “In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider this, surely God has appointed one as well as the other.”

**Timothy 1:12**, “I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful, putting me into service,”

**Revelation 2:10** – “To the church at Smyrna be faithful unto death and I’ll give you the Crown of Life.”

**Jeremiah 4:4** “You must genuinely dedicate yourselves to the Lord and get rid of everything that hinders your commitment to me,”

**Hosea 4:6** – “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.”

**Proverbs 1:24-33** – “Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded, **Vs.25**: Because you disdained all my counsel, and would have none of my rebuke, **Vs.26**: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, **Vs.27**: When your terror comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you. **Vs.28**: “Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. **Vs.29**: Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, **Vs.30**: They would have none of my counsel and despised my every rebuke. **Vs.31**: Therefor they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the full with their own fancies. **Vs.32**: For the turning away of the simple will slay them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; **Vs.33**: But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil.”

**Ezekiel 22:30** – “I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.”

**Isaiah 6:8** – “Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!”