

Growing In Christ

Lesson #11 The Christian Life

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1 John 3:16, (NKJV) “By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren”.

Stewardship

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV) *Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

Romans 3:23 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

Deuteronomy 8:11–17 (NKJV) *“Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’*

***Psalm 24:1 (NKJV)** *The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.*

***Psalm 50:12 (NKJV)** *“If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world is Mine, and all its fullness.*

Acts 2:44–45 (NKJV) *Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.*

Acts 4:32 (NKJV)³² *Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.*

Acts 4:34–35 (NKJV) *Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold,³⁵ and laid them at the apostles’ feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.*

Philippians 2:3–4 (NKJV) *Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*

James 2:14 (NKJV) *What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?*

Tithe: A Mere Pittance

“I speak of the tithing system, yet how meager it looks to my mind! How small the estimate! How vain the endeavor to measure with mathematical rules, time, money, and love against a love and sacrifice that is measureless and incomputable! Tithes for Christ! Oh, meager pittance, shameful recompense for that which cost so much! From the cross of Calvary, Christ calls for an unconditional surrender.” Test. 4, p. 119, 120.

Malachi 3:8–10 (NKJV)⁸ *“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings.⁹ You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.*

Nehemiah 10:38–39 (NKJV)³⁸ *And the priest, the descendant of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive tithes; and the Levites shall bring up a tenth of the tithes to the house of our God, to the rooms of the storehouse.³⁹ For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the grain, of the new wine and the oil, to the storerooms where the articles of the sanctuary are, where the priests who minister and the gatekeepers and the singers are; and we will not neglect the house of our God.*

***1 Corinthians 9:13–14** *Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar?¹⁴ Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.*

Matthew 23:23 (NKJV) *“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, **without leaving the others undone.**”*

The Responsibility to One's Self

***Matthew 22:37–39** (NKJV) ³⁷ Jesus said to him, *'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'* ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: *'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'*

2 Corinthians 5:14–15 (NKJV) *For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;* ¹⁵ *and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.*

Mark 6:31 (NKJV) *And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."* For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.

Luke 6:12 (NKJV) *Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.*

Healthy boundaries

Christian Marriage

Malachi 2:14 (NKJV) ¹⁴ *Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the Lord has been witness Between you and the wife of your youth, With whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion And your wife by covenant.*

Ephesians 5:28 (NKJV) ²⁸ *So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.*

Matthew 5:31–32 (NKJV) *"Furthermore it has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'* ³² *But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.*

Christian Behavior

John 17:14–16 (NKJV) *I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.* ¹⁵ *I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.* ¹⁶ *They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.*

1Ti 2:9, 10 *In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in **modest apparel**, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.*

***1Pet 3:3, 4** *Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*

No one has ever told me my wife would be more beautiful and she would wear some jewelry. **Wear the Cross or bear the Cross?**

Hosea 2:13 *I will punish her For the days of the Baals to which she burned incense. She decked herself with her earrings and jewelry, And went after her lovers; But Me she forgot," says the LORD.*