



Bible Verses

Relevant for Ministry with and to People with Disabilities

(All Bible verses are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise indicated. Some contain terms that are not welcomed by people with disabilities, such as crippled, lame, deaf and dumb.)

Old Testament Sources

- › And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good? (Deut. 10:12-13)
- › And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul” (Deut. 11:13)
- › You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him. (Deut. 13:4)
- › Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and to cling to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. (Joshua 22:5)
- › But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” (1 Sam. 16:7)
- › Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! (Ps. 103:21b)



- › For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. (Ps. 139:13-16)
- › Death and life are in the power of the tongue. (Prov. 18:21a)
- › And the Lord said: “Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men.” (Is. 29:13)
- › Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. (Is. 43:1b)
- › Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you. (Is. 43:4a)
- › Everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.” (Is. 43:7)
- › “You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.” (Is. 43:10a)

- › “You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and I am God.” (Is. 43:12b)
- › The people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise. (Is. 43:21)
- › Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you. (Is. 44:2a)
- › For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. (Is. 56:7b)
- › Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? (Is. 58:6)
- › I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord. (Jer. 9:24b)
- › He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)
- › Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart. (Zech. 7:9-10)
- › And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. (Matt. 21:14)
- › Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I will; be clean.” (Mark 1:41)
- › I have compassion on the crowd. (Mark 8:2a)
- › But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just. (Luke 14:13-14a)
- › Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame. (Luke 14:21)
- › Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. (John 15:2)
- › But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. (1 Cor. 7:7b)
- › Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. (1 Cor. 10:24)
- › So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Cor. 10:31)
- › Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. (1 Cor. 11:1)
- › For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (1 Cor. 12:12)
- › As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor. (1 Cor. 12:20-23a)
- › So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Cor. 13:13)
- › Strive to excel in building up the church. (1 Cor. 14:12)
- › Ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. (2 Cor. 4:5b)
- › He who has prepared us for this very thing is God. (2 Cor. 5:5a)
- › We make it our aim to please him. (2 Cor. 5:9b)
- › Through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Gal. 5:13b-14)

New Testament Sources: Following in Jesus' Footsteps

- › So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. (Matt. 7:12)
- › And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (Matt. 9:35-36)
- › Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.” (Matt. 15:32)
- › Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. (Matt. 7:20)
- › Whoever would be great among you must be your servant. (Matt. 20:26b)
- › As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor. (1 Cor. 12:20-23a)
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- › Through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Gal. 5:13b-14)

- › But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Gal. 5:22-23)
- › Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Gal. 6:2)
- › And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Gal. 6:9-10)
- › Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. (Eph. 1:4)
- › To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Eph.4:12)
- › Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Eph. 4:32)
- › Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (Eph. 5:1-2)
- › Rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man. (Eph. 6:7)
- › Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Phil. 2:3-4)
- › Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus ... by taking the form of a servant. (Phil. 2:5, 7)
- › For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (Phil. 2:13)
- › Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men. (Col. 3:23)
- › Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. (Col. 3:24b)
- › And there is no partiality. (Col. 3:25b)
- › Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. (1 Tim. 4:12-14a)
- › I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality. (1 Tim. 5:21b)
- › They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share. (1 Tim. 6:18)
- › For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. (2 Tim. 1:6a)
- › Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. (James 1:17a)
- › My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. (James 2:1)
- › But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. (James 2:9)
- › What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (James 2:14-17)
- › You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works. (James 2:22)
- › You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. (James 2:24)
- › For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead. (James 2:26)
- › But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. (James 3:17)
- › Honor everyone. (1 Peter 2:17a)
- › Above all, keep loving one another earnestly. (1 Peter 4:8a)
- › As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. (1 Peter 4:10)
- › Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. (1 Peter 4:19)
- › Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. (1 Peter 5:2-3)

- › His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness. (2 Peter 1:3a)
- › For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:5-8)
- › By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. (1 John 2:5b-6)
- › By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. (1 John 3:10)
- › Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:18)

Old Testament Stories of Persons with Disabilities

- › Moses (slow of speech and tongue): Ex. 4:10-17
- › Samson (blind): Judges 16:21-30
- › Mephibosheth (crippled): 2 Sam. 4:4, 9:1-13
- › Nebuchadnezzar (mental illness): Dan. 4:28-37

Old Testament Miracles Including Disabilities

(Excluding death and illness)

- › Leprous hand: Ex. 4:6-12
- › Jeroboam's hand withered and restored: 1 Kings 13:1-16
- › Naaman healed of leprosy: 2 Kings 5:1-19
- › Blinded eyes: 2 Kings 6:8-23

New Testament Miracles Including Disabilities

(Excluding death and illness)

- › Man with leprosy: Matt. 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-15
- › Ten men with leprosy: Luke 17:11-19
- › Paralytic: Matt. 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26
- › Invalid at Bethesda: John 5:1-18
- › Woman crippled for 18 years: Luke 13:10-17
- › Man with dropsy: Luke 14:1-6
- › Woman with the flow of blood: Matt. 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48
- › Withered hand: Matt. 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11
- › Deaf man: Mark 7:31-37
- › Giving sight to two blind men: Matt. 9:27-31
- › Blind man at Bethsaida: Mark 8:22-26
- › Man born blind: John 9:1-41
- › Blind Bartimaeus: Matt. 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43
- › Blind and mute demoniac: Matt. 12:22; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39
- › Mute demoniac: Matt. 9:32-34
- › Syrophenician girl: Matt. 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30
- › Child with a demon: Matt. 17:14-20; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-43

Created by God

- › For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. (Ps. 139:13-16)
- › Everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made. (Is. 43:7)
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- › Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you. (Is. 44:2a)
- › His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness. (2 Peter 1:3a)
- › See also: 1 Peter 4:19

Created, Loved and Chosen by God for His Purpose

- › Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. (Is. 43:1b)
- › Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you. (Is. 43:4a)
- › He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. (2 Cor. 5:5)
- › So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. (2 Cor. 5:9a).
- › Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. (Eph. 1:4)
- › For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (Phil. 2:13)
- › See also: Is. 43:7; Is. 43:10a; Is. 43:21

Follow in Jesus' Footsteps (His Example)

- › And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (Matt. 9:35-36)
- › Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion on the crowd." (Matt. 15:32)
- › Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." (Mark 1:41)
- › I have compassion on the crowd. (Mark 8:2)
- › And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. (Matt. 21:14)
- › But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just. (Luke 14:13-14)
- › So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, "Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame." (Luke 14:21)
- › Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. (1 Cor. 11:1)
- › See also: Deut. 10:12-13; Deut. 13:4; Joshua 22:5; Ps. 103:21b; Is. 56:7b (KJV); Gal. 6:2a; Gal. 6:9-10; Eph. 4:32; Eph. 5:1-2a; Phil. 2:3b-4; Col. 3:23; 1 Tim. 6:18; James 5:17; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 Peter 4:19; 2 Peter 1:5-8; 1 John 2:5b-6

Serve

- › And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good? (Deut. 10:12-13)
- › And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. (Deut. 11:13)
- › You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him. (Deut. 13:4)

- › Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and to cling to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. (Joshua 22:5)
- › Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! (Ps. 103:21b)
- › But whoever would be great among you must be your servant. (Matt. 20:26b).
- › For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. (2 Cor. 4:5)
- › Through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Gal. 5:13b-14).
- › To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Eph. 4:12)
- › Rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man. (Eph. 6:7)
- › See also Is. 43:10a; 1 Cor. 10:24; 2 Cor. 5:9a; Gal. 6:2a; Gal. 6:9-10; Phil. 2:5,7; Col. 3:24b; 1 Peter 4:10; 1 Peter 5:2-3

Witness

- › "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he." (Is. 43:10a)
- › "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and I am God." (Is. 43:12b)

What Does the Lord Require of Me?

- › Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. (1 Peter 4:19)
- › By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. (1 John 2:5b-6)
- › See also: Prov. 18:21a; Is. 29:13a; Is. 56:7b (KJV); 1 Cor. 10:24; 2 Cor. 5:9a; Gal. 6:2a; Gal. 6:9-10; Eph. 4:32; Eph. 5:1-2a; Phil. 2:3b-4; 1 Tim. 6:18; James 5:17; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 Peter 5:2-3; 2 Peter 1:5-8

Giftedness of All People:

- › But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. (1 Cor. 7:7b)
- › So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. (1 Cor. 14:12)
- › Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. (1 Tim. 4:12-14a)
- › For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. (2 Tim. 1:6a)
- › Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. (James 1:17a)
- › As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. (1 Peter 4:10)

Love That is Visible

- › For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. (Is. 56:7b, KJV)
- › Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. (1 Cor. 10:24)
- › But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness. (Gal. 5:22)
- › See also: Gal. 6:2a; Gal. 6:9-10; Eph. 4:32; Eph. 5:1-2a; Phil. 2:3b-4; Col. 3:23; 1 Tim. 6:18; James 5:17; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 Peter 4:19; 2 Peter 1:5-8; 1 John 2:5b-6; 1 John 3:18

Attitude

- › For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart. (1 Sam. 16:7b)
- › For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (1 Cor. 12:12)

- › For the body does not consist of one member but of many. (1 Cor. 12:14)
- › As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor. (1 Cor. 12:20-23a)
- › But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Cor. 24b-27)
- › Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. (Phil. 2:3-4)
- › Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus ... taking the form of a servant. (Phil. 2:5,7a)
- › Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men. (Col. 3:23)
- › You are serving the Lord Christ. (Col. 3:24b)
- › But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. (James 3:17)
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- › See also: Is. 56:7b (KJV); Matt. 7:12; 1 Cor. 10:24; 2 Cor. 5:9a; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 4:32; Eph. 5:1-2a; 1 Tim. 4:12-14a; 1 Tim. 6:18; James 2:14-17; James 22:26; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 Peter 4:19; 2 Peter 1:5-8; 1 John 2:5b-6

Shine Like the Stars

- › Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? (Is. 58:6)
- › That I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord. (Jer. 9:24b)
- › He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)
- › Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart. (Zech. 7:9-10)
- › So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Cor. 10:31)
- › So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Cor. 13:13)
- › They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share. (1 Tim. 6:18)
- › See also: Is. 56:7b (KJV); 1 Cor. 10:24; 2 Cor. 5:9a; Gal. 5:22; Gal. 6:2a; Gal. 6:9-10; Eph. 4:32; Eph. 5:1-2a; Phil. 2:3b-4; Col. 3:23; James 5:17; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 Peter 4:19; 2 Peter 1:5-8; 1 John 2:5b-6; 1 John 3:18

Caution

- › Death and life are in the power of the tongue. (Prov. 18:21a)
- › And the Lord said: “Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men.” (Is. 29:13)
- › And there is no partiality. (Col. 3:25b)
- › Doing nothing from partiality. (1 Tim. 5:21b)
- › My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. (James 2:1)
- › But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. (James 2:9)

- › By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. (1 John 3:10)
- › See also: Zech. 7:9; Is. 56:7b (KJV); 1 Cor. 10:24; 1 Tim. 4:12-14a; 1 Peter 5:2-3

Actions

- › So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. (Matt. 7:12)
- › You will recognize them by their fruits. (Matt 7:16)
- › Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. (John 15:2)
- › What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (James 2:14-17)
- › You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works. (James 2:22)
- › You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. (James 2:24)
- › For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead. (James 2:26)
- › Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:18)
- › See also: 1 Cor. 10:24; 2 Cor. 5:9a; Gal. 5:22; Gal. 6:2a; Gal. 6:9-10; Eph. 4:32; Eph. 5:1-2a; Phil. 2:3b-4; Phil. 2:13; 1 Tim. 6:18; James 5:17; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 Peter 4:19; 1 Peter 5:2-3; 2 Peter 1:5-8; 1 John 2:5b-6

Imitating Jesus’ Example

- › Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (Eph. 5:1-2a)
- › Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. (1 Peter 4:8)

- › See also: Is. 56:7b (KJV); 1 Cor. 10:24; 2 Cor. 5:9a; Gal. 5:22; Gal. 6:2a; Gal. 6:9-10; Eph. 4:32; Phil. 2:3b-4; 1 Tim. 6:18; James 5:17; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 Peter 4:19; 2 Peter 1:3a; 2 Peter 1:5-8; 1 John 2:5b-6; 1 John 3:18

Living a Life of Significance

- › And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Gal. 6:9-10)
- › Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Eph. 4:32)
- › See also: Is. 56:7b (KJV); 1 Cor. 10:24; 2 Cor. 5:9a; Gal. 5:22; Gal. 6:2a; Gal. 6:9-10; Eph. 4:32; Eph. 5:1-2a; Phil. 2:3b-4; 1 Tim. 6:18; James 5:17; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 Peter 4:19; 2 Peter 1:5-8; 1 John 2:5b-6; 1 John 3:18

Knowing Jesus Changes Us

- › For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:5-8)
- › But whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. (1 John 2:5-6)
- › See also: 1 Cor. 10:24; 2 Cor. 5:9a; Gal. 5:22; Gal. 6:2a; Gal. 6:9-10; Eph. 4:32; Eph. 5:1-2a; Phil. 2:3b-4; 1 Tim. 6:18; James 5:17; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 Peter 4:19

Ministering to Broken, Hurting People

- › Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Gal. 6:2)
- › See also: Is. 56:7b (KJV); 1 Cor. 10:24; 2 Cor. 5:9a; Gal. 5:22; Gal. 6:9-10; Eph. 4:32; Eph. 5:1-2a; Phil. 2:3b-4; 1 Tim. 6:18; James 5:17; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 Peter 4:19; 1 John 3:18