



The Bible says:

“Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.” 2 Tim 4:2

2 Tim 3:16-17 says, *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”*

Heb 3:13 says, *“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”*

Heb 10:24-25 says, *“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”*

1 Thess 5:11 says, *“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”*

Col 3:16 says *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”*

Eph 4:15 says, *“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ”*

1 Tim 4:13 says *“Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”*

We’ve got to be on a solid foundation. The scripture is the basis for our lives and will to bear a lot of fruit. Matt 7:16-20 says, *“You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.”* We have to walk in the light of God’s Word. . The Spirit of God gave us the Word of God, and we have to listen to the Spirit. We have to study His Word. Yeshua is coming back soon.

Are our lives reflecting that belief—that He’s coming back soon? I have to examine my own life every day. Are we doing the things we’re supposed to be doing or are we doing what we want to do? Are we obeying the commandments? He put in His Word for us to follow? What is stopping us from achieving our purpose? We can know it, but it doesn’t mean we have prepared. What changes do we need to make in our lives?

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.” Matt 24:36-39 **It’s urgent!** People didn’t want to pay attention. They wanted to keep doing what they wanted to do. Vs 40 says *“Stay awake (alert)!...if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would’ve stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. You also must be ready”* (vs 43, 44). Yeshua is saying this to believers! He wants us to be a faithful and wise servant (vs 45).

Yeshua said, *“Why do you call me, ‘Lord! Lord! But not do what I say? Everyone who comes to Me, hears My words and acts on them—I will show you what he is like: he is like someone building a house who dug deep and laid the foundation on bedrock. When a flood came, the torrent beat against that house but couldn’t shake it, because it was constructed well. And whoever hears My words but doesn’t act on them is like someone who built his house*

on the ground without any foundation. As soon as the river struck it, it collapsed and that house became a horrendous wreck!"

Yeshua said *"There will appear false Messiahs and false prophets performing signs and wonders for , the purpose, if possible, of misleading the chosen (elect)."* Matt 13:22. Yeshua warned us that we could be deceived. If we study the Word and we know what it says, we won't be deceived.

*"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, **you workers of lawlessness.**'* Matt 7:21-23. These are people who did things in Yeshua's name. They were working for the Kingdom, but they were **lawless** and because of this He will tell them *'I never knew you'* and **they won't be in the Kingdom**. We need to active, ready, and prepared. Preparing means studying and doing. We have to walk in the commandments.

Malachi 4 is talking about the Day of the Lord. The Lord says, *"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But **for you who fear my name**, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts. **Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.**"* He's telling us to remember His Law, the Law most churches say has been done away with. As Gentiles, we had no hope for eternal life and salvation because we were alienated from God. The New Covenant was made with Israel also. *"Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah"* (Jer 31:31) Isaiah 11:10 says that Yeshua will emerge and govern all nations. Every government has a Law. And Israel received the Law as an heir to the covenants and promises to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Israel. It was a privilege to receive the Law because it was the instructions on how to live and it was a blessing!

In the New Covenant, God promised He would write His Law on our minds and in our hearts. *"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."* Eph 2:10. We need to continue to produce good fruit. I'm not pointing fingers because I have to examine myself every day. We're supposed to struggle in the things of God b/c the war is between our flesh and the Spirit. The spiritual battle is happening in our minds. We are not supposed to be ignorant of the schemes of the enemy. He is crafty. There's an internal battle between you and the Law. There SHOULD be a struggle. Yeshua tells us *"I have overcome the world."* He says in this world we will have tribulation, but because He overcame, we can overcome. It's not a difficult struggle once we practice. I think it brings so much joy to my life! However, Rom 7 tells us that the Law tells us what sin is. He says apart from the Law, sin lies dead. Paul says *"but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.* If we understand the Law, if we read it, if we see it, we don't want to disobey it. It brings death to the flesh. Sin becomes alive because now we understand it, and now we want to put IT to death! The purpose of the Law is to show us what sin is, and that we're sinful. It points us to Yeshua—it reveals that we need a savior because we need to be saved from ourselves because of sin. In vs 12, he says, *"So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.... it was sin, producing death (the law of sin and death) in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through **the commandment might become sinful beyond measure** (breaking the commandment)."* Yeshua is *"the way, the truth, and the life."* He is our standard. We look to Him to see how to live.

The Law is good. We need it so we know what sin is and how to live righteously. In verses 22-23, he says *"For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of*

my mind and making me captive to the law of sin (the law of sin and death) that dwells in my members." We're supposed to delight in the Law of God. Ps 37:4 says *"Delight yourself in the Lord."* If we delight ourselves in the Lord, we delight ourselves in His Law and His ways. Living righteously makes our life a delight. *"the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb"* (Psalm 19:9-10). We should desire Him and His ways more than anything!

1 Jn 3:4 says, *"Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness" (the transgression of the Law).*" We don't want to practice sin, especially if we know it's sin. We have to die to the old life. We can't have one foot in the world and one foot in the Kingdom of God, because the enemy owns the line. We don't want to give him a foothold. What's keeping us from pleasing God? From doing what He commanded? God established a Law in the garden. The Law was that you could eat from every tree in the garden, but not the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. We have to look at the enemy's strategies in the garden. Sin could not have come without a law. The enemy told Eve she didn't have to keep God's commandment. Then, she thought it was good to eat. The enemy enticed her by telling her she could break God's commandment. Then, the fruit looked good to her. That's how it is with worldly things. Yeshua said His disciples were *"in the world, but not of the world."* He told the Father that His Word was truth and He sanctified Himself, He made Himself holy so we could be holy. He prayed that we would be made perfect. It's a battle between sin and Law. We want to party, have fun and do the things of this world, but Jesus didn't do those things. He did what the Father told Him to do. We are supposed to do what the Father tells us to do, and what Yeshua told us to do, and He taught us how to keep the Law to the fullest. We have to practice the things that God tells us to do, not the things that the world practices. **We need to practice the truth, walking in it, in the ways of God. We should be consecrated and dedicated to God. We're supposed to be a radiant and perfect bride.** We are the temple of the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor 6:19-20 *"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."* **We need to flee from sin. We have to deny ourselves and take up our cross. We have to submit to His leadership.**

We must be separate from the world, set apart, peculiar. Deuteronomy 14:12 *"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth."* 1 Pet 2:9 says, *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."*

1 Corinthians 10:6-13 says, *"Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were: as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but **they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.** No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."* We have the Old Testament to teach us what the Israelites did so we will not make the same mistakes. They wanted worldly things rather than the things of God and they didn't get to go into the promised land. **These are our instructions in righteousness.**

James 2:17, 21-26: *"So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith*

apart from works is dead.” Works show our faith. It shows that we believe in God, and that we BELIEVE GOD. If we trust His Word, we will sacrifice everything to be a part of His Kingdom. He is sovereign and He should be sovereign over our lives. We need to desire Him and His righteousness. It will penetrate in every area of our lives and our hearts if we do. If we say we believe, but don’t do what he says, the judgment will be hard for us because He says in Rev 20:13 *“and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done.”* It also says we will be judged by our works in Psalm. 62:12; Proverbs. 24:12; Jeremiah. 17:10; 32:19; Matthew. 16:27; Romans. 2:6; 14:12; Revelation 2:23; 22:12. Our works are the **evidence** that we belong to God. God’s judgment is impartial and fair and He is **no respecter of persons. He judges by THE LAW** according to Romans 2:11-16 and James 4;11-12. **He does not show favoritism.** In a covenant relationship, we have responsibilities.

We have to be skilled in our use of scripture, ready to use the sword of the Spirit in the way it’s meant to be used. This is how we do warfare, and you’re learning it, but the Lord wants us take us to the next level. We have to study to know the context, when it was written, who the books were written to, the outline of the book, what the book is about, etc. We have to study Paul very carefully because Peter said *“And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. **There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.** You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, **take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability..”*** Peter was telling the church that there were teachers who were teaching Paul’s writings and other scriptures incorrectly. **Their error was lawlessness. They were teaching against God’s Law.** I know He’s asking you to study His Word deeply so you understand what’s correct.

God told Cain, *“If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”* We have the ability to rule over sin.

*“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a **living sacrifice, holy and acceptable** to God, which is your spiritual worship.”* Rom 12:1. We don’t count on Yeshua to make us holy, we live it! We do that by living by God’s instructions.

Gal 5:16 *“But I say, walk **by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”* The Spirit won’t tell us to disobey God’s Word.

James 4:4 *“You adulterous people, don’t you know that **friendship with the world means enmity against God?** Therefore, **anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.**”*

1 Jn 2:3-5 *“Now **by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.** He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But **whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in Him.**”*

1 John 2:15-17 *“**Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.** For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is **not from the Father but is from the world.** And the world is passing away along with its desires, **but whoever does the will of God abides forever.**”*

1 John 1:5-7 *“This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. **If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”*

Matthew 16:24 *“Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.**”*

Ephesians 6:12 *"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."* We struggle against the enemy with God's Word. We have to know how to use this weapon.

2 Corinthians 6:14 *"Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?"*

1 Peter 2:11-12 *"Dear friends, I warn you as 'temporary residents and foreigners' to **keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls.**"*

Matthew 5:13-16 *"You are the salt of the earth. **But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.**"*

Ephesians 5:1 *"Therefore **be imitators of God, as beloved children.**"*

James 1:22 *"But **be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.**"*

John 14:15 *"**If you love me, keep My commandments.**"*

John 14:21 *"**Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me.** And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."*

John 15:10 *"**If you keep My commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.**"*

1 John 5:3 *"**For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.**"*

Exodus 20:5-6 *"for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but **showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.**"*

Leviticus 22:31 *"So **you shall keep my commandments and do them: I am the Lord.**" God gave His commandments to keep them. He didn't give us something we couldn't do.*

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 *"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?**"*

Psalms 19:7 *"The law of the Lord is **perfect, refreshing the soul.** The statutes of the Lord are **trustworthy, making wise the simple.**"*

Psalms 119:10-11 *"**With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You. ..Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, and I shall observe it to the end.**"*

Psalms 119:151-152 *"**All Your commands are true. Long ago I learned from your statutes that you established them forever.**"*

Psalms 119: 172 *"My tongue will sing of your word, **for all your commandments are right.**"*

1 Corinthians 7:19 *“For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but **keeping the commandments of God.**”* Keeping the commandments is what counts. This is presented in the next verse also:

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 *“The end of the matter; all has been heard. **Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.** For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.”*

We need to examine our hearts and make sure we don't have a rebellion or a hardened heart that stands in opposition to God and His commandments. Yeshua said, *“Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness.** For they shall be filled.”* Matthew 5:6.

Yeshua said in Matthew 11:9-10, *“keep asking, and it will be given to you; keep seeking, and you will find; keep knocking and the door will be opened unto you. For everyone who goes on asking receives; and he who goes on seeking finds; and to him who continues knocking, the door will be opened.”* This requires us to keep seeking the Word of God. Yeshua said we will find IF we keep seeking. He also said to *“seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.”* He doesn't want us seeking the things of the world.

Jeremiah 29:13 says, *“You will seek Me and find me **when you seek Me with all your heart.**”* We all have to examine ourselves. Are we seeking HIM with all of our hearts?

Who are the remnant, the saints?

Revelation 12:17 *“Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of **her offspring** (the remnant), **those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.**”*

Revelation 4:12 *“Here is a call for the endurance of **the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.**”*

Revelation 22:14 *“Blessed are those who **wash their robes**, so that **they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.**”*

2 times in Revelation Yeshua tells us who the remnant and the saints are: Those that keep the commandments of God AND have the testimony of Jesus. It takes both. We can't say we believe in Yeshua and follow what the Father taught or what Yeshua taught. We have to purify ourselves by keeping God's ways.

John says this as well in 1 John 3:3 *“And everyone who thus hopes in him **purifies himself** as he is pure.”* We are to purify ourselves. God told us *“you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation”* in Exodus 19:6. He says *“be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy”* in Leviticus 19:2. David tells us how to keep our ways pure: *“How can a young man keep his ways pure? **By guarding them according to Your Word**”* Psalm 119:9. We have to be pure to be in the Kingdom. If we do not **obey the truth**, we will not be there.” We need to look at God's Word and DO what it says -that's how we guard our ways. We don't go outside the path God laid for us. Yeshua said *“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”* Matthew 7:13-14. Peter quotes Leviticus 19:2 in 1 Peter 1:13-19 and he adds to it. He says, *“Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As **obedient children**, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also **be holy in all your conduct**, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, **conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.**”* Paul confirms it again in his letter to Timothy *“Therefore, if anyone cleanses*

himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work."

Yeshua says in Revelation 3:3, "*Remember, then, **what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.***" This is what Yeshua said to the church of Sardis.

Yeshua is coming back for a pure bride. **The parable of the 10 virgins teaches us that 10 virgins were waiting for the bridegroom to return. All 10 thought they were going to be with Him, but only 5 had prepared.** We can think we are all safe as Christians and actually be deceived. The life of a Christian is an ongoing life of introspection, repentance, studying, prayer, doing the instructions of God, and cleaning our house. Yeshua told 5 of them He didn't know them. Yeshua will be grieving when He says that because believers who thought they were going to be with Him weren't able to go b/c they didn't know Him. They will not inherit eternal life. An inheritance is something given to sons and daughters usually. Sons and daughters obey their parents. If they don't, they risk losing their inheritance.

If we're going to run a marathon, we're going to prepare ourselves. The race is long and the body that hasn't been trained can't endure. A person who's going to run a marathon will develop new habits: eating, exercising, sleeping, etc. In 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27 Paul says, "*Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but **we do it to get a crown that will last forever.** Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, **I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave** so that after I have preached to others, **I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.**" Hebrews 12:1 says, "*Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*" We are preparing ourselves for the perseverance that will be needed in the tribulation. Yeshua told the most of 7 churches that were getting ready to go through the tribulation in Revelation "*To him who conquers.*" How can we conquer if we don't even obey?*

We can believe IN God but what matters is if we **BELIEVE GOD.** IF we believe His Word is true and that we're commanded to keep His royal Law. If we just listen to people, we aren't doing our part. Our part is to study. 2 Timothy 2:15 says, "*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly handling the word of truth.***" The way we do warfare is to rightly handle the Word of truth. Paul said, "*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith*" 2 Timothy 4:7. David taught us how to run. In Psalm 119:32, he says, "*I run in the path of your commands, for you have broadened my understanding.*"

Hebrews 4:12 says "*For the word of God is **living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.***" The Word is used to guard our hearts against Satan and his attacks.

Study the Word of God faithfully. I pray that you will struggle with this and take it to the Lord. I pray you will practice righteousness because I love you and I want you to be in the Kingdom.