

THE SPIRITUAL HABITS OF THE SAINTS OF GOD

Study One: Grasping The Key Of God Manifestation

Yahweh Elohim, The Elohim Of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

- God entitles Himself - Yahweh Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of **Abraham**, the Elohim of **Isaac**, and the Elohim of **Jacob**.
- Yahweh's purpose to manifest Himself is revealed in the names and lives of the three patriarchs. Together these three form a prophecy of Yahweh's intention to be revealed as a Father (**Abraham**), declared in a Son (**Isaac**), and proclaimed through a Multitude (**Jacob**).
- These names were chosen to represent the memorial of His proposed manifestation in flesh, and to identify his selection of the family through whom such mighty ones of the future would be established.

Yahweh – The Elohim Of Abraham

Yahweh revealed as a father

- Genesis 17:4-5, Genesis 22:7
Luke 16:24, John 8:53-56
Romans 4:1, 11-12, 16-18

- Abraham is presented in the scriptural record as being particularly the father from whom God's primary blessing would flow, and in whom the promises would originate.

Yahweh led Abraham through the emotional experience of fatherhood, so that he might enter into the very feelings of God, as the Father of his own beloved Son.

Yahweh – The Elohim Of Isaac

Yahweh declared in a son

- Genesis 21:1-7, Genesis 22:2
Genesis 24:36, Genesis 25:6,11,19
Hebrews 11:17, James 2:21

- Isaac is presented in the scriptural record as being pre-eminently the miraculous son by whom God's purpose would commence, and in whom the promises would begin.

Yahweh led Isaac through the atmosphere of a godly family to be a faithful and obedient son, who manifested his father's qualities even under the pressure of great trial.

Yahweh – The Elohim Of Jacob

Yahweh proclaimed through a multitude

- Genesis 28:1-4, Genesis 30:30
Genesis 35:10-11, Genesis 48:3-4
Luke 1:33, Acts 7:8, 14-15
 - **Jacob** is presented in the scriptural record as being especially the channel through whom God's family would increase, and in whom the promises would be multiplied.
- Yahweh led **Jacob** through the difficulties and trials family life, which shaped and fashioned his character, as God manifestation was seen in the multitude of his offspring.

Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh

- The memorial, in its simplest form is '**ehyeh asher ehyeh**', 'I will be who I will be'. Asher 'who', the relative pronoun in this memorial, is both singular and plural, masculine and feminine. It will therefore stand for 'ten thousand times ten thousand', as well as for two to three persons. The other two words of the memorial are the first person singular, future tense of the verb hayah 'to be'.
- In this memorial the Eternal Spirit is the 'I', and the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, are the 'who', of whom it is memorialised they 'shall be'.

Phanerosis, Pgs 59-60
John Thomas

Yahweh Manifested In A Family

- “Men were not ushered into being for the purpose of being saved or lost! God manifestation not human salvation was the great purpose of the Eternal Spirit. The salvation of a multitude is incidental to the manifestation but was not the end proposed”.
- “The Eternal Spirit intended to enthrone Himself upon the earth, and in so doing, to develop a divine family from among men, every one of whom shall be Spirit, because born of the Spirit, and that this family shall be large enough to fill the earth, when perfected to the entire exclusion of flesh and blood.”.

**Herald of the Kingdom
John Thomas**

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Study Two: Building A Strong Bible Study Programme

Types Of Bible Study

- Book -** **develops a knowledge of:**
- the revelation of divine thoughts
 - the unfolding of God's purpose
 - the epochs of Bible history
- Word -** **creates an awareness of:**
- the uniqueness of divine language
 - the value of contextual meanings
 - the substance of Bible words
- Doctrinal -** **builds a conviction in:**
- the importance of divine doctrine
 - the power of moral truths
 - the unity of Bible foundations

Types Of Bible Study

- Prophetic -** **establishes an appreciation for:**
- the greatness of divine control
 - the excitement of fulfilling signs
 - the certainty of Bible promises
- Thematic -** **forms a recognition of:**
- the pattern of divine principles
 - the prevalence of golden themes
 - the wonder of Bible harmony
- Character -** **increases an understanding of:**
- the reality of divine providence
 - the emotion of spiritual growth
 - the wisdom of Bible counsel

Bible Study Chart – Series One

GENESIS - DEUTERONOMY The creation & the fall Genesis 1-3 The Promises to Abraham Genesis 12-22 The Law of Offerings Leviticus 1-7 The Calendar of Israel Leviticus 23	JOSHUA - RUTH The Cities of refuge Joshua 20 The Cycle of the Judges Judges 2 The Appendices to Judges Judges 17-21 The Parable of Ruth Ruth 1- 4
1 SAMUEL - 2 CHRONICLES The Slaying of Goliath 1 Samuel 17 The Ark brought to Zion 2 Samuel 6 The Promises to David 2 Samuel 7 The Prayer of Solomon 1 Kings 8	EZRA - ESTHER Chronology of the Return - The Prayers of Nehemiah Nehemiah The Reading of the Law Nehemiah 8 The Parable of Esther Esther
JOB - SONG OF SOLOMON Satan in the Book of Job Job The Titles of the Psalms Psalms The Two Women Proverbs 1-9 The identity of Koheleth Ecclesiastes	ISAIAH - DANIEL The Crisis of Hezekiah Isaiah 36-39 The Parable of the Potter Jeremiah 18-19 Valley of the Dry Bones Ezekiel 37 The Burning Fiery Furnace Daniel 3
HOSEA - MALACHI Obadiah Obadiah Jonah Jonah Haggai Haggai Malachi Malachi	MATTHEW - JOHN Discourse on the Mount Matthew 5-7 The Parable of the Sower Mark 4 The Nativity of Christ Luke 1-3 The Eight Signs of John John
ACTS Sequence of the epistles in Acts Acts The parallel of Peter & Paul Acts 1-12 / 13-28 The five journeys of Paul Acts The keys of the kingdom Acts 2, 10	ROMANS - 2 CORINTHIANS The justification of faith Romans 4 The Principles of co-operation Romans 14 The question of idol meat 1 Cor 8-10 Four epistles of Corinth 1 & 2 Cor

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GALATIANS - 2 THESSALONIANS The spirit of Isa 49 in Galatians Galatians The Spiritual Warrior Ephesians 6 The Servant Prophecies in Phil. Philippians The Coming of Christ 1 Thess.	1 TIMOTHY - PHILEMON The Principle of Godliness 1 Timothy The Faithful Sayings 1 Tim - Titus The "Saviour" Passages 1 Tim - Titus The Spirit of Appeal Philemon
HEBREWS The Authorship of Hebrews - The Danger of Judaism Hebrews The key words 'better' and 'once' Hebrews The Motive Power of Faith Hebrews 11	JAMES - JUDE Allusions to Proverbs James The Theme of Suffering and Glory 1 Peter The Letter to Kyria 2 John Contending for the Faith Jude
REVELATION Daniel in the Book of Revelation Revelation The 7 Letters to the Ecclesias Revelation 1-3 The Beasts of Revelation Rev. 12,13,17 The New Jerusalem Revelation 21	WORD STUDIES Names and Title of Deity Know (NT) World (NT) Spirit (NT)
DOCTRINAL STUDIES God Manifestation - Devil, Satan and Demons - The Promises to Abraham Genesis 12-22 The Promises to David 2 Samuel 7	PROPHETIC STUDIES The Invasion of Gog Ezekiel 38-39 Nebuchadnezzar's Image Daniel 2 The Four Great Beasts Daniel 7 The Olivet Prophecy Matthew 24-25
THEMATIC STUIDES The Angels of God The Cherubim Events Subsequent to Christ's Return Visions of the Kingdom	CHARACTER STUDIES Abraham and Sarah Joseph Hannah Peter

Building A Study Programme

Be serious in your intention to know Bible truth

- Remember to keep alternating between different types of study and between OT and NT subjects.
- Make a specific time for study on your diary and consider it an appointment with God.
- Have a definite objective for completing a study and the spirit of determination for completing it.
- Desire to know the whole counsel and character of God and choose studies to help achieve this.
- Always have your next three studies chosen and work on collecting material for these.

Practising Daily Spiritual Thinking

Commit to a proper programme of spiritual activity

- **Personal Prayers**
Three times a day
Morning - Noon - Evening
- **Bible Readings**
Three times a day
Bible Companion portions
- **Bible Study & Meditation**
Three times a week
Have a specific topic and time
- **Book Readings**
Three times a week
Have a book beside the bed

Appreciating The Truth's Literature

Can you name three books in the following categories?

- The Theme of God Manifestation
- The Doctrine of the Atonement
- The Life of Christ
- The Power of Prayer
- The Role of Israel






Appreciating The Truth's Literature

Can you name three books on the following Bible books?

- The Book of Leviticus
- The Book of Psalms
- The Prophecy of Daniel
- The Epistle to the Hebrews
- The Apocalypse of Jesus Christ

Appreciating The Truth's Literature

Can you name three books by the following authors?

-  **Brother John Thomas**
-  **Brother Roberts Roberts**
-  **Brother Charles (CC) Walker**
-  **Brother John Carter**
-  **Brother Islip Collyer**

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Study Three: Harnessing The Power Of Continual Prayer

Developing The Habit Of Prayer

Be earnest to develop the habit of communication with God

- **Psalm 55:17, Daniel 6:10** – Develop prayer as a spiritual habit in daily life, with appointed times deliberately set aside for the offering of prayer. The ideal focus is to imitate the standard of threefold prayer followed by the faithful.
- **Isaiah 63:16** – Remember that prayer completes the cycle of communication with the Father. Through the Word He speaks with us, and through prayer we in turn speak with Him.
- **Matthew 6:9-13, Exodus 20:1-17** – Always observe the proper order in the structure of prayer – first God, then ourselves.

Learning The Key Aspects Of Prayer

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- Offering praise Adoration
 - Seeking help Petition
 - Showing care Intercession
 - Acknowledging sin Confession
 - Giving thanks Appreciation

The Morning Prayer

Morning: Heb. boqer - the break of day i.e. the sun's rising

Morning is associated in scripture with:

- **Psalm 30:5** - The comfort of favour restored
- **Isaiah 50:4** - The gladness of principle refreshed
- **Lamentations 2:22-23** - The blessing of mercy renewed

Morning represents the joy of a fresh start, and the energy of a new beginning before God, in the opening of another day.

In the stillness of the morning lies the opportunity to renew our endeavour before God. The great need of the morning is for **preparation**, and therefore the main focus of the morning prayer should be on **petition**.

The Noonday Prayer

Noon: Heb. tsohar - bright, double light i.e. the sun's zenith

Noonday is associated in scripture with:

- **2 Samuel 4:5** - The anxiety of life increased
- **James 1:11** - The pressure of trial intensified
- **Canticles 1:7** - The feeling of strength depleted

Noon represents the heat and burden of life as the intensity of daily trial and the difficulty of daily care reach their zenith.

Amidst the bustle and activity of the day, divine principles can so easily recede or be forgotten. The great need at noon is for **elevation**, and therefore the main emphasis of the noonday prayer should be on **adoration**.

The Evening Prayer

Evening: Heb. ereb – to grow dusky i.e. the sun's setting

Evening is associated in scripture with:

- **Ecclesiastes 11:6** - The satisfaction of work completed
- **Psalms 104:23** - The fulfilment of labour ended
- **Genesis 24:63** - The quietness of activities reviewed

Evening represents the tranquil calm of rest after effort, and contemplation after the cessation of labour at the close of the day.

With the completion of endeavour comes the opportunity for peaceful meditation on past events. The great need at evening is for **reflection**, and therefore the main thought of the evening prayer should be on **confession**.

Offering Prayers Of Intercession

Learn to become discerning of the needs of others

■ For individuals in need:

- * for those who are in sickness or pain
- * for those who are under trial or stress
- * for those who are wayward or weak
- * for those who are weary through age
- * for those who struggle in their walk
- * for those who endure loneliness

Offering Prayers Of Intercession

Learn to become discerning of the needs of others

- For the members of your family
- For the needs of your ecclesia
- For the Arranging Brethren
- For the body of Christ worldwide
- For leaders and for those in authority
- For preachers in foreign lands
- For Israel and the Jewish people
- For the city of Jerusalem

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Study Four: Mastering The Skill Of Scriptural Reasoning

The Evil Doctrine Of The Seed Of The Serpent

is a mode of thinking known as

the thinking of the flesh

which is utterly focused on

SELF

The Secret Power Of The Seed Of The Woman

is a mode of thinking known as

the thinking of the spirit

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GOD

Christ's Dependence On Scripture

■ Have Ye Not Read

Christ dealt with questions from others by providing an answer sourced from an appropriate scripture.

Matthew 12:2-4, Matthew 19:3-6, Matthew 22:28-33

■ It Is Written

Christ explained the meaning of current events by making reference to a relevant scripture.

Mark 7:6-9, Mark 11:15-18, Mark 14:26-28

■ That The Scripture Might Be Fulfilled

Christ was aware of God's unfolding purpose in his own life in the context of fulfilling scripture.

John 13:18-21, John 17:11-13, John 19:28-30

The Power Of Scriptural Reasoning

■ Using Bible principles to assess and the solve a problem, helps us to view the whole matter from the Divine perspective.

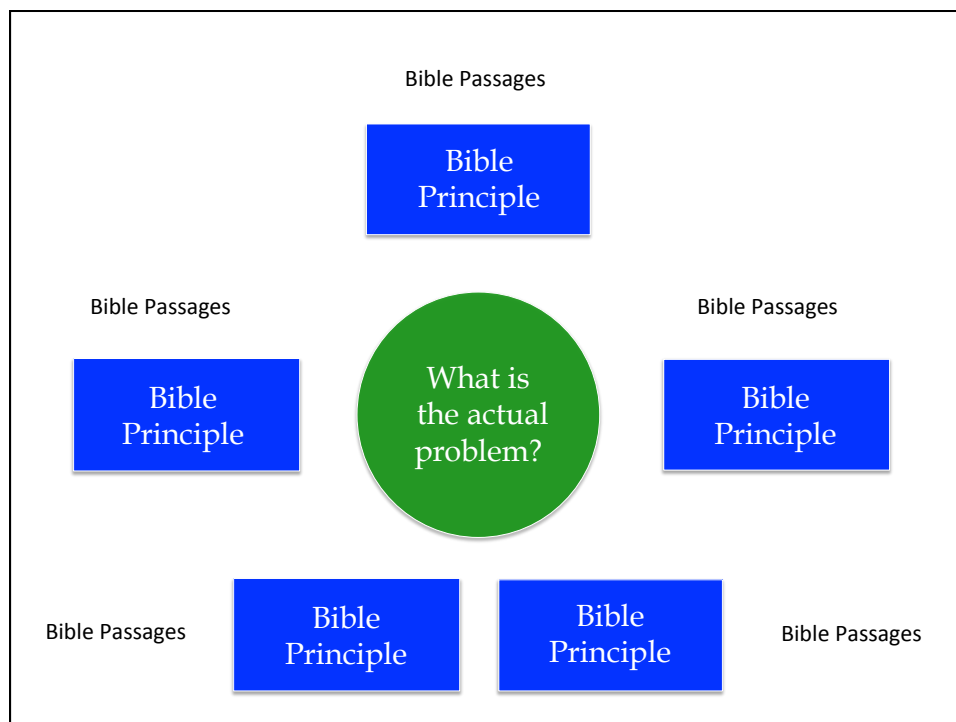
■ Any problem may have several Bible principles that might be brought to bear on arriving at a scripturally sound answer.

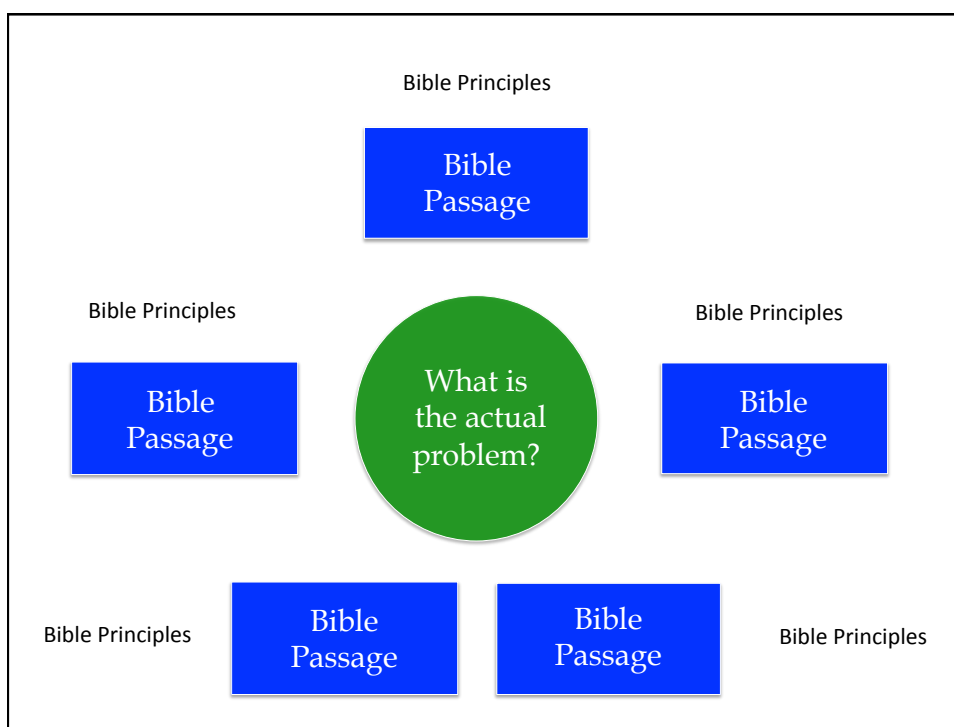
■ Bible principles are by their very nature non-specific, and therefore their application to a specific problem has to be thought out carefully.

■ If we cannot find satisfactory Bible principles to support what we are doing, then we need to think about whether to continue or not.

The Process Of Spiritual Thinking

- What is an accurate definition and summary of the actual problem?
- What Bible principles might be directly involved in this problem?
- What specific Bible passages could be relevant to this problem?
- What overall Biblical solution should be applied to this problem?





Case Study For Scriptural Reasoning

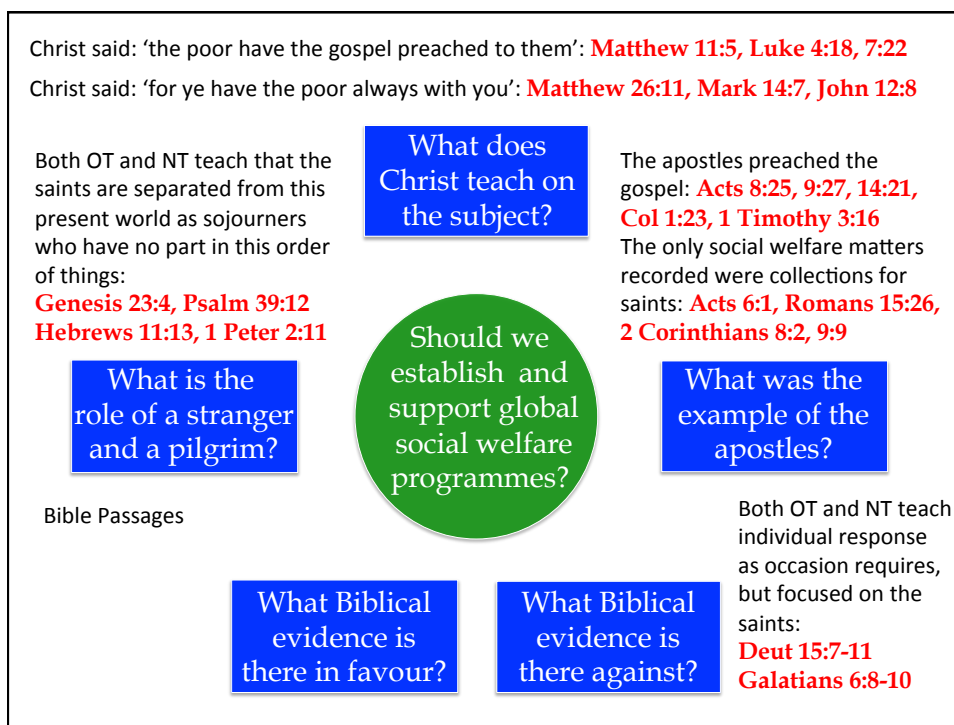
An issue of practice

■ “An ecclesial appeal is received to support a new Christadelphian initiative for an assistance programme in needy countries. The brochure does not mention any specific preaching activity, but does state that the focus is on broad community social welfare projects to help alleviate human suffering. Caring support workers may in fact be needed for involvement in many of the projects. The entire enterprise will be operated by a committee of responsible brothers and sisters and be properly administered under the terms of a Charitable Trust.

What would your instinctive reaction be:

To support?

To not support?



Global Social Welfare & The Truth

- "YYY supports sustainable social development in some of the poorest countries in the world. It is currently active in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and South America. It works to facilitate self sufficiency and self worth through sustainable local projects".
- "YYY operates primarily with grass roots, locally run projects and works to help overcome the problems of hunger, disease, disability, destitution and homelessness".
- "YYY works to promote agriculture, clean water, basic health care and education, and to encourage sharing, learning and service to others".

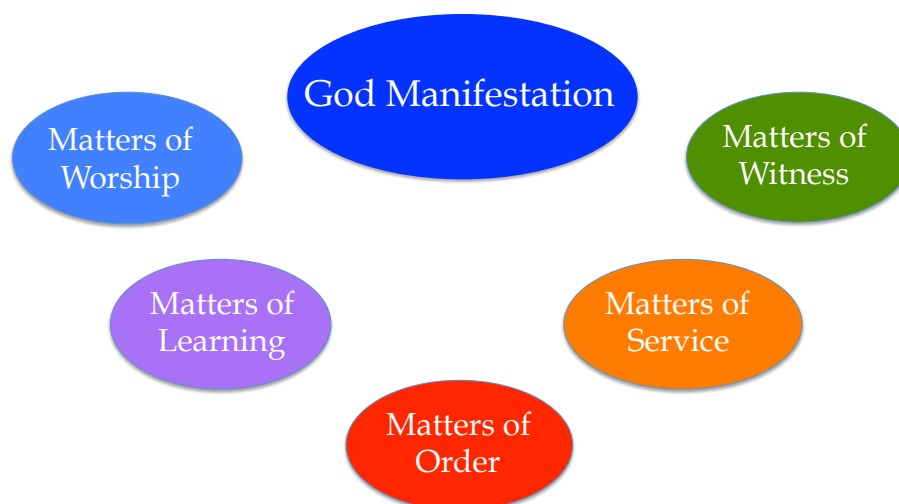
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Study Five: Making A Positive Ecclesial Contribution

The Importance Of The Ecclesia

- **Romans 12:3-8, 1 Cor. 12:11-27, Ephesians 4:3-6, 13-16**
- The ecclesia as a **body** illustrates the importance of good nourishment and sound growth.
- **Ephesians 2:19-22, 1 Timothy 3:14-16, 1 Peter 2:5**
- The ecclesia as a **house** illustrates the importance of careful building and wise conduct.
- **Psalms 87:1-3, Hebrews 12:22, Revelation 21:10-27**
- The ecclesia as a **city** illustrates the importance of faithful guarding and communal joy.
- **Isaiah 62:5, Ephesians 5:22-33, Revelation 19:7-8, 21:9**
- The ecclesia as a **bride** illustrates the importance of loving preparation and holy living.

The Key To Ecclesial Contribution



The Things That Lie Beyond The Veil

- “When someone is deeply and continuously engaged in an atmosphere of divine thoughts, they have neither the time nor inclination to plot mischief or play the fool.

This is the vocation of vacant minds and idle hands, **who know not what it is to enter within the veil**. It is essential to contentment, if not to happiness to be engaged in something for oneself or for an object dearer than self”.

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Study Six: Guarding The Heritage Of The Truth Of God

The Charge From Moses To Joshua

- **Deuteronomy 31:7-8, 23** – “**Be strong** and of good courage... and the LORD... he will be with thee, **he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be discouraged**... And he gave Joshua the son of Nun **a charge**, and said, **Be strong** and of a good courage”.
- **Joshua 1:6-9** – “Only **be strong** and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to according to all the law... turn not from it from the right hand or to the left, **that thou mayest prosper**... observe to do according to all that is written therein: ... **be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed**: for the LORD thy God is with thee **whithersoever thou goest**”.

The Charge From David To Solomon

- **1 Kings 2:1-4** - "Be **thou strong** therefore and shew thyself the man; and keep **the charge** of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, **to keep his statutes, and his commandments**, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, **that thou mayest prosper** in all that thou doest, **whithersoever thou turnest thyself**: That the LORD may continue his word".
- **1 Chronicles 28:20** - "Be **strong** and of good courage, and do it: **fear not, nor be dismayed**: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; **he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee**, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD".

The Charge From Paul To Timothy

- **1 Timothy 1:18, 5:21, 6:13-14** - "**This charge** I commit unto thee... that thou by them mightest war a good warfare... **I charge** thee before God... that thou observe these things... **I give thee charge** in the sight of God... that thou **keep this commandment** without spot, unrebukeable".
- **2 Timothy 1:7-8, 13-14, 2:1, 4:1** - "God hath **not given us the spirit of fear... be not thou therefore ashamed** of the testimony... Hold fast the form of sound words ... **That good thing** which was committed unto thee **keep**... Thou therefore, my son, **be strong** in the grace that is in Christ Jesus... **I charge thee** before God... Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season".