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Forward:

- *Col 4:17*, “And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.”
- *1 Cor 15:10*, “But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”
- *Acts 20:28*, “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”

1. Preparing your Heart for Service

Your Relationship to Christ

- *Mark 12:30*, “And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.”
- *2 Cor 5:20*, “Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.”
- *Matt 28:19-20*, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”
- *Ps 26:2*, “Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.”
- *Rom 10:15*, “And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”
- *Col 1:25-26*, “Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:”
- *Rom 12:18*, “If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.”
- *Phil 2:17-18*, “Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all. For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me.”
- *1 John 1:7*, “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”
- *John 13:35*, “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”
- *Rom 14:15-19*, “But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. Let not then your good be evil spoken of: For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

Your Bible Study Habits and Prayer

- *1 Cor 8:2*, “And if any man think that he knoweth anything, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.”
- *2 Tim 2:15*, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
- *Ps 119:11*, “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”

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- **Col 3:16**, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”
- **Ps 46:10**, “Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.”
- **Eph 6:18**, “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Pride, Humility, and Insecurity

- **Rom 12:3**, “For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.”
- **1 Cor 15:10**, “But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”
- **Phil 1:14**, “And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.”
- **1 Cor 9:17**, “For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.”
- **1 Cor 10:31**, “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”
- **1 Cor 12:1**, “Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.”
- **Phil 4:19**, “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”
- **1 Tim 1:12**, “And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;”
- **Ps 139:23-24**, “Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”
- **2 Cor 6:3**, “Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:”
- **Col 3:17**, “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”
- **Phil 2:17**, “Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.”

Discretion

- **1 Peter 5:5**, “Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.”
- **1 Cor 10:33**, “Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.”
- **Prov 11:13**, “A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.”
- **Prov 17:11**, “An evil man seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.”

Sharing God’s Word

- **Rom 10:14-15**, “How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”
- **2 Tim 1:7-8**, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;”

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- **2 Tim 2:2**, “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”
- **2 Tim 4:2**, “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”
- **1 Peter 4:11**, “If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

Communicating Effectively

- **1 Cor 14:8-9**, “For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.”
- **Gal 1:10**, “For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.”

Adjusting to Your New Role

- **Rom 12:6-7**, “Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;”
- **1 Cor 14:12**, “Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.”
- **Ps 139:14**, “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”
- **Prov 1:5**, “A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:”
- **2 Tim 3:14**, “But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;”
- **Ps 119:130**, “The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.”
- **2 Tim 2:7**, “Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.”
- **Rom 1:16**, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”
- **1 Thess 2:4**, “But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.”
- **Prov 3:5**, “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”

2. Serving the Body of Christ and Nurturing Relationships

With the Congregation

- **Rom 12:9**, “Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.”
- **Col 3:15**, “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.”
- **Rom 10:13-15**, “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”
- **1 Cor 12:18**, “But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.”

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- **Eph 5:21**, "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."
- **Eph 1:15-16**, "Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;"
- **1 Tim 5:21**, "I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality."
- **James 3:17**, "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."
- **1 Cor 7:23**, "Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men."
- **Gal 1:10**, "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ."

With the Ministers

- **Prov 1:5**, "A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:"
- **1 Cor 12:25**, "That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another."
- **Eph 4:12-13**, "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:"
- **2 Cor 12:10**, "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."
- **James 1:17**, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."
- **James 4:10**, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

With your Wife and Children

- **Eph 5:21**, "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."
- **1 Cor 9:17**, "For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me."
- **Eph 5:25**, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;"
- **Eph 6:4**, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."
- **Prov 2:11**, "Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:"
- **Prov 5:2**, "That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge."
- **James 1:19**, "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:"

Ministering to Hurting People

- **1 Peter 3:8**, "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:"
- **James 3:17**, "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."
- **1 Peter 3:9**, "Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing."

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- **Gal 6:2**, “Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.”
- **James 1:19**, “Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:”
- **Gal 6:1**, “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.”
- **2 Cor 2:11**, “Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.”
- **Rom 12:16**, “Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.”
- **Gal 6:3**, “For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.”
- **Prov 10:17**, “He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth.”
- **Prov 12:15**, “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.”
- **Prov 19:20**, “Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.”
- **Ps 119:71**, “It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.”
- **Prov 15:1**, “A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.”
- **Prov 27:17**, “Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.”
- **1 Peter 2:19-20**, “For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.”
- **Eccl 9:17**, “The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools.”
- **Eph 4:15**, “But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:”
- **2 Tim 3:16**, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”
- **1 Cor 1:10**, “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”
- **1 Cor 3:3**, “For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?”
- **2 Cor 10:1**, “Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:”

In Conclusion

- **Ps 133:1**, “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”
- **Eph 4:1**, “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,”
- **Heb 6:10**, “For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”