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1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
2 **Set your mind on things above**, not on things on the earth.
3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

How do you know that your children will know that God is real and who he is among?

Is it because you memorize Scripture and non-Christian friends regularly?

A man's primary responsibilities:

1. **To love God with all the heart soul and mind**
2. **provider**
3. **husband**
4. **father**

A women's primary responsibilities:

1. **To love God with all the heart soul and mind**
2. **wife**
3. **housekeeper**
4. **mother**

Legacy
The desire for admiration and approval

Obey God's Word
As mature Christians we do what we do because the Bible says specifically what we are to do. Obeying Christ is our motivation and priority, not the praise of men.

When the **Christian husband** shows gentleness, love, honor and kindness to his wife and when **he's attentive and kind to his children** He's **a good provider** for the family; the manner and the standard by which he carries out that obligation, will be observed by his children. They will see and admire and give thanks to God as they mature, and begin to see how the Scriptures are effectively put into practice in daily life.

The same is true for **the mother** the children will observe her diligence and commitment as she faithfully fulfills her position **as a wife**, and **as a mother**, and **as a meticulous housekeeper**.

This is all done because she has recognized her God-given sacred responsibilities, and you have set your mind to obey Christ in all things.

Proverbs 31:28–31 (NKJV)
28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her:
29 "Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all."
30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, **But a woman who fears the Lord**, she shall be praised.
31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, And let her own works praise her in the gates.

Choosing that which is best over that which good

To the Angel of the Church of Ephesus
Worship God (with) faith, holiness, and obedience

In the opening chapters of the book of Revelation, Jesus Christ gives His evaluation of the seven churches by way of these letters.

What is the purpose of the letters to the seven churches, for us:

They will demonstrate the major trends that will take place in churches throughout the church age.

To equip us to be **discerning**, and aware of the tendencies, so that we don't fall prey!

To prepare us for the judgment seat of Christ,

To better equip us to rule and reign with Christ in eternity.

Time to prepare:

Revelation 2:1–7 (NKJV)
1 "To the **angel** of the church of Ephesus write,

Because they are to be Legal witnesses who will record the activities of the saints, which will be held in store for the judgment seat of Christ

These things says He **who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands**

Jesus Christ holds authority over the Angels; and with them as His legal witnesses, they walk among the churches.

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3955 βασκαίνω **baskaino** {bas-kah'-ee-no}; v. ☞ Str 941; TDNT 1:597; GK 1021; 1 occ.; LN 25.177 **endanger, bear up under**, to be in danger of losing something; to endure with difficulty.
Gal 3:4 Have you suffered so many things in vain, if indeed it was in vain?
Gal 4:11 I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.
1 Thess 3:5 For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor might be in vain.

Part A.
2 **I know your works** your labor, your **patience** and that you cannot **bear** those who are **evil**

works the application of doctrine

The application of doctrine
Though we don't want to be condemning, proud and arrogant; we are supposed to be able to discern and communicate the evil of false doctrine!

Matthew 7:13–23 (NKJV)
13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.
14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.
15 **Beware of false prophets** who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.
16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?
17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.
18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor a bad tree bear good fruit.
19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Part B.
And you have **tested** those who say they are **apostles** and are not, and have found them liars;

The application of doctrine
Having a knowledge of doctrine, they were able to discern false teachers.
They had a high doctrinal standard

Apostle

Definition for the general use of the term:
Apostle: in a general sense it is someone who is commissioned to perform a particular task.

3 and you have persevered and have patience, and

have labored for My name's sake and have not become **weary**

They have labored and upheld the high standard of the reputation or character of Christ

2827 κόμνω (***kamnō***) vb.; ☞ Str 2577 — L; LN 25.142 **be sick** (**Jas 5:15**+)

Nevertheless I have **this** against you, that you have left you **first love**

Time sequence Order of Priority

A mature spiritual love:
Ephesians 1:15–23 (NKJV)
15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and **your love for all the saints**,

John 13:34–35 (NKJV)
34 A new commandment I give to you, that you **love** one another; as I have loved you, that you also **love** one another.
35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have **love** for one another."

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Remember
Ephesians 2:8–10 (NKJV)
8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,
9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.
10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Remember
Ephesians 2:1–3 (NKJV)
1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,
2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,
3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Remember
Ephesians 4:17–24 (NKJV)
17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind,
18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;
19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.
20 But you have not so learned Christ,
21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:
22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,
23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Remember
Ephesians 5:1–8 (NKJV)
1 Therefore be followers of God as dear children.
2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.
3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;
4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.
5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.
6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.
8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

Remember
Ephesians 5:15–21 (NKJV)
15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,
16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,
19 speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,
20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Remember
Ephesians 6:10–18 (NKJV)
10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.
13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,
15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.
17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;
18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints,

Remember
Ephesians 6:21–24 (NKJV)
21 But that you also may know my affairs and how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you,
22 whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs, and that he may comfort your hearts.
23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

Remember
Colossians 3:1–4 (NKJV)
1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
2 **Set your mind on things above**, not on things on the earth.
3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Remember
Colossians 3:12–17 (NKJV)
12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;
13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.
14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.
15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.
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.
17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Remember
Colossians 3:18–25 (NKJV)
18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.
20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.
21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.
22 Bservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.
23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,
24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. You serve the Lord Christ.
25 But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.

Remember
Colossians 4:2–6 (NKJV)
2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;
3 meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains,
4 that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.
5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.
6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

Remember
Colossians 4:7–18 (NKJV)
7 All my activities Tychicus will declare to you, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord,
8 whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts,
9 with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will make known to you all things which are here.
10 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions; if he comes to you, welcome him),
11 and Jesus who is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellow workers for the kingdom of God who have been a comfort to me.
12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.
13 For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal for you, and those who are in Laodicea and those in Hierapolis.
14 Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you.
15 Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church in her house.
16 Now when this epistle is read among you, see that it is read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.
17 And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."
18 This greeting by the hand of me, Paul. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen.

Remember
1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 (NKJV)
1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.
2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,
3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of our God and Father,
4 knowing, brethren beloved by God, your election.
5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.
6 And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,
7 so that you were examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.
8 For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone out, so that we need not say anything.
9 For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,
10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Remember
1 Thessalonians 2:1–12 (NKJV)
1 For you yourselves know, brethren, our entrance to you, that it was not in vain;
2 but even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict.
3 For our exhortation did not come from error or uncleanness, nor in deceit.
4 But as we were approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men but God who tests our hearts.
5 For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness, God is witness.
6 Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have been burdensome as apostles of Christ.
7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.
8 So, affectionately longing for you, we were willing to have imparted to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you became dear to us.
9 For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.
10 You are witnesses, and God also, how holy, and just, and blameless we behaved ourselves among you who believe;
11 as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children,
12 that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

Remember
1 Thessalonians 2:13–20 (NKJV)
13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.
14 For you, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judea are in Christ Jesus; for you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, even as they did from the Jews,
15 who both killed the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; they do not please God and are contrary to all men,
16 forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, to fill up their sins always. But wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.
17 But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time, in person not in heart, endeavored more abundantly to see your face with great desire.
18 Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us.
19 For what is our hope or joy or crown of rejoicing? Are not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?
20 For you are our glory and joy.

Remember
1 Thessalonians 3:1–13 (NKJV)
1 Therefore when we could no longer endure it, we thought it good to be left behind at Athens alone,
2 and sent Timothy our brother and minister of God and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith,
3 that no one should be shaken by these afflictions, for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this.
4 For indeed, when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened and you know.
5 For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor might be in vain.
6 But now Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always have good remembrance of us, greatly desiring to see us as we also to see you,
7 therefore, brethren, we were comforted concerning you in all our affliction and distress through your faith;
8 for now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.
9 For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God,
10 night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?
11 Now may our God and Father Himself and our Lord Jesus Christ direct our way to you.
12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you,
13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

Remember
1 Thessalonians 4:1–12 (NKJV)
1 Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that as you received from us how you ought to walk and please God, so you are walking, that you may excel more and more.
2 For you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus.
3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;
4 that each one of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,
5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;
6 that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.
7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.
8 Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.
9 But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;
10 and indeed you do love all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more;
11 that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;
12 that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.

Remember
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (NKJV)
13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.
14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so those who sleep in Jesus God will bring with Him.
15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.
16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.
17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.
18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Remember
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 (NKJV)
1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.
2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.
3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.
4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the Day should overtake you as a thief.
5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.
6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.
7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.
8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.
9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep we should live together with Him.
11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

Remember
1 Thessalonians 5:12–28 (NKJV)
12 And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,
13 and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.
14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn the unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.
15 See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.
16 Rejoice always,
17 pray without ceasing,
18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
19 Do not quench the Spirit.
20 Do not despise prophecies.
21 Test all things; hold fast what is good.
22 Abstain from every form of evil.
23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.
25 Brethren, pray for us.
26 Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.
27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read to all the holy brethren.
28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Remember
2 Thessalonians 1:1–12 (NKJV)
1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of each one of you all toward each other abounds,
4 so that we ourselves glory in you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,
5 which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer.
6 Since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you,
7 and to you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,
8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,
10 when He comes to be glorified in His saints and to be admired in all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed in that day.
11 To this end also we always pray for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power,
12 that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Remember
2 Thessalonians 2:1–12 (NKJV)
1 Now we ask you, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,
2 that you be not soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter as if from us, as that the day of Christ has come.
3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,
4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.
5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?
6 And now you know what restrains, that he may be revealed in his own time.
7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.
8 And then the lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.
9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, lying wonders,
10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,
12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Remember
2 Thessalonians 2:13–17 (NKJV)
13 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,
14 to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.
16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace,
17 comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

Remember
2 Thessalonians 3:1–5 (NKJV)
1 Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you,
2 and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith.
3 But the Lord is faithful who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.
4 And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you both do and will do the things which we command you.
5 Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.

Remember
2 Thessalonians 3:6–15 (NKJV)
6 But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us.
7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, because we were not disorderly among you;
8 nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you;
9 not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us.
10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.
11 For we hear that there are some who walk among you disorderly, who do not work at all but are busy bodies.
12 Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.
13 But you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good.
14 And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed.
15 Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

Remember
2 Thessalonians 3:16–18 (NKJV)
16 Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in all ways. The Lord be with you all.
17 This greeting is in my own hand—Paul's—which is a sign in every epistle; so I write.
18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Remember
1 Timothy 1:1–11 (NKJV)
1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,
2 To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
3 As I urged you when I was going into Macedonia, remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine,
4 nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith. Do so now.
5 Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith,
6 from which some having strayed have turned aside to vain babbling,
7 desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.
8 But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully,
9 knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,
10 for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnapers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine,
11 according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

Remember
1 Timothy 1:12–20 (NKJV)
12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has given me strength, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,
13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man. But I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.
14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.
15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.
16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who would believe on Him for everlasting life.
17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.
18 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may fight the good warfare,
19 having faith and a good conscience, which some having put away concerning faith have suffered shipwreck,
20 of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

Remember
1 Timothy 2:1–15 (NKJV)
1 I exhort therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,
2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.
3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,
4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,
6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,
7 for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.
8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;
9 in like manner also that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,
10 but which is proper for women professing godliness—with good works.
11 Let a woman learn in quietness with all submission.
12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in quietness.
13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.
14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived fell into transgression.
15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

Remember
1 Timothy 3:1–16 (NKJV)
1 This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work.
2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;
3 not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous;
4 one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence
5 (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?);
6 not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
7 Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.
8 Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money,
9 holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.
10 But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless.
11 Even so must their wives be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things.
12 Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.
13 For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.
14 These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly;
15 but if I delay, that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.
16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, received up in glory.

Remember
1 Timothy 4:1–16 (NKJV)
1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in the latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,
3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.
4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;
5 for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.
6 If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.
7 But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself rather to godliness.
8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.
9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.
10 For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.
11 These things command and teach.
12 Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
13 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.
14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eladership.
15 Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.
16 Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

Remember
1 Timothy 5:1–16 (NKJV)
1 Do not rebuke an older man but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers,
2 older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity.
3 Honor widows who are really widows.
4 But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them learn first to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God.
5 Now she who is really a widow, who is left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day.
6 But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives.
7 And these things command, that they may be blameless.
8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.
9 Let a widow be chosen not less than sixty years old, having been the wife of one man,
10 well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.
11 But refuse the younger widows; for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry,
12 having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith.
13 And besides they also learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not.
14 I desire therefore that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the household, give no occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.
15 For some have already turned aside after Satan.
16 If any man or woman who believes has widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.

Remember
1 Timothy 5:17–25 (NKJV)
17 Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.
18 For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his reward."
19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses.
20 Those who sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.
21 I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.
22 Lay hands on no one hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.
23 No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.
24 Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later.
25 Likewise the good works of some are clearly evident, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden.

Remember
1 Timothy 6:1–10 (NKJV)
1 Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, lest the name of God and His doctrine be blasphemed.
2 And those who have believing masters, let them not despise them because they are brethren, but let them serve them all the more because those who benefit from their good service are believers and beloved. These things teach and exhort.
3 If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness,
4 he is proud, knowing nothing, but obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions,
5 useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.
6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.
7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.
8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.
9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.
10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Remember
1 Timothy 6:11–21 (NKJV)
11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.
12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
13 I charge you in the sight of God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate,
14 that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing,
15 which He will manifest in His own time, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords,
16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.
17 Charge those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy,
18 that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,
19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the future, that they may lay hold on eternal life.
20 O Timothy, guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding profane babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge,
21 which some have professed and thereby have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

Remember
2 Timothy 1:1–14 (NKJV)
1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,
2 To Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
3 I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, that without ceasing I have remembrance of you in my prayers night and day,
4 greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy,
5 when I call to remembr