

1 Corinthians 2:12 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Hebrews 13:15-16 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise, the fruit of lips that confess His name. 16 And do not neglect to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

1 John 5:3 For the [true] love of God is this: that we do His commands [keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and teaching]. And these orders of His are not irksome (burdensome, oppressive, or grievous).

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. 24 God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.

Mark 14:36 And He was saying, "Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will."

Romans 8:38 I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

When you stand at the crossroads and look for the way to follow, may you ask in faith of the Lord Who is always with you where the good way is so that you may walk in it, for He is trustworthy and will lead you by His hand and His word, that you will find rest for your soul. Jeremiah 6

May you know with confident assurance that by really changing your ways and actions, and dealing justly with each other, not oppressing the person who appears to be alone and without a friend, not harming the innocent, and rejecting other powers as your source in need, then the Lord your God will give you the blessing of His inheritance for ever. Jeremiah 7

May you obey the Lord and walk in all the ways He commands you, for then He will be your God and you will be His child, and it will go well with you. Jeremiah 7

My child, will you be angry when I send a worm to attack the plant that I brought you comfort from, as I did with Jonah? Or perhaps you will fear that you have done something wrong to displease Me.

Be assured that what you have is from Me, when you submit your will to Mine and live in My lordship of your life. Be it comfortable or difficult, when you love Me to the full extent your heart's capacity, I make all things work to your eternal good.

I delight to bring good things into your life, My love. Think about it, and name the blessings that you have from My hand. Realize that My blessings do not always bring comfort and ease into your life.

When an athlete or a soldier is engaged in a struggle to win, they must stay with it to finish with the prize. Yet they do so willingly, even gladly, as they are pressed beyond endurance; the athlete looking for the fame and renown, the soldier protecting those he loves.

I am training you, My precious one, and refining you, strengthening you by removing that which weakens you, separating you from that which will hold you back once the true struggle begins. If simple acts and small occurrences exasperate you, increasing frustration, how will you endure the battle?

Focus on Me, now and through the day, to gain My perspective, My cherished one. Lift your eyes above the horizon and see clearly into eternity where My love for you fills all you gaze upon. Your feet are grounded and your hands are occupied upon the earth, but your heart can be carried away with Me.

May you turn to the Lord, clinging to His truth, returning always to the Lord Who loves and defends you, speaking His Word in love, repenting of every fault and sin that so easily besets you, always seeking His face to follow His steps, that you may know and do the appointed tasks at the appointed times. Jeremiah 8

May you stand firm in the knowledge of the truth of God's word, seeing to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. Colossians 2

May you know that you have been given fullness in Christ, Who is the head over every power and authority, for in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form. Colossians 2

May you not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink or with regard to a religious celebration or tradition, for these are but shadows of the reality which you find in Christ. Colossians 2

May you never delight in false humility or the worship of angels, losing connection with the Head, Jesus, from Whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow. Colossians 2

May you walk in the freedom of God's truth, for He has made you alive with Christ, having forgiven you all your sins by canceling the written code and regulations opposed to you by nailing it to the cross, and through the cross, triumphed openly over powers and authorities as He disarmed them, for though they have the appearance of wisdom, they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence. Colossians 2

May you hear the teaching of the Lord, and listen to the words of the parables of His mouth uttering hidden things from earlier times, that you may share them with your children and tell the next generation of the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders he has done. Psalm 78

May you not willfully put God to the test in the wilderness and the desert place of testing and purifying of your heart, demanding and questioning God's intents and ability, but let your faith be grown by offering thanksgiving for what you have and let your eyes opened to the working of His hands by giving praise for His deliverance which He works in your life, that you may live to worship your King and receive the bountiful inheritance that He desires to see you established in. Psalm 78

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