

Suggestions on how to use these A,B,C's

- For personal enrichment
- As a Staff or Discipleship Guide.
- As a Training manual for Volunteers
- As a Small Group Study.
- As a Teaching Tool with sons or daughters.
- As a Lesson guide for Christian Campus Clubs.
- As a Memorizing Tool.

However the Lord leads you to use any of the ABC's, understand that this is just a biblical snapshot of these topics. Its purpose is to spur all believers on to pursue a life pleasing to the Lord.

Some additional ideas on how these ABC's could be used:

- ❖ You may want to look at the larger context of the passages listed plus do some further cross referencing of each verse.
- ❖ You may want to evaluate yourself from one to ten on how you would grade yourself in each area, & then determine a course for your development.
- ❖ You may want to make a prayer list within each of the letter categories for yourself and for others.
- ❖ You may want to add additional topics that you think could be included in the list.

A Suggested Study Format:

Ask the **who, what, when, where, and how questions.**

- For example with the first “**A**” Abundant Life you could ask; “What connection has “Abundant Life” have with Jesus?”
- What is the warning in this verse? What does that mean?
- How does a person know if they have Abundant Life? Or, what do you think Abundant Life looks like?
- Can you have life with Jesus and it not be Abundant?

(Try to think of some additional questions for discussion purposes.)

For Applications you could ask:

1. Have you ever experienced Abundant Life?
2. Is there something you can do so that this Abundant Life is a reality in your life?

Think about an example in your own life that you could share as an example of this principle.

In conclusion develop a **closing prayer** in light of this verse and the word.

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The A B C's of the Christian Life

Pt. 1 - Laying a Solid Foundation

Matt. 7:24-27

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. 26 Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 The rain fell, and the [e]floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.”

A Abundant Life - *John 10:10*

(Jesus said) “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

B Believe in Jesus Christ - *John 1:12*

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,”

C Confession of sin- *I John 1:9*

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

D Delight yourself in the Lord -

Ps. 37:4 “Delight yourself in the Lord; And He will give you the desires of your heart”.

E Example of Believers - *I Tim. 4:12*

“Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.”

F Faith - *Heb. 11:6*

“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”

G Gift of God - **Rom. 6:23** "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

H Hope - **Rom. 15:4** "For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope"

I Indwelling Holy Spirit - **Eph. 1:13** "...having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,"

J Jesus - **John 14:6** "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

K Know the Lord - **John 17:3** "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

L Love of God - **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

M Message - **Acts 4:12** "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

N Name of Jesus - **Phil. 2:10,11** "...at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

O Overflow with Kindness - **Eph. 4:31,32** "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

P Prayer - **Phil. 4:6,7** "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Q Quest - **Eph. 3:17-19** "... that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God."

R Renew Your Mind - **Rom. 12:1,2** "Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

S Seek First - **Matt. 6:33** "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

T Thankful - **Col. 3:15,16** "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

U Understanding - **Psalms 119:130** The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

V Victory over Temptations - **I Cor. 10:13** "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it."

W Word of God - **II Tim. 3:16,17** "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

X expect Great Things - **Eph. 3:20** "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,"

Y Yield to Others - **Phil. 2:3,4** "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others."

Z Zealous for good deeds **Titus 2:11-14** "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, 14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds."

R Run the Race - *Heb. 12:1,2* "...let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Resurrection - *I Pet. 1:3* "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

S Sanctified - *Heb. 10:10-14* "By this will (God's will) we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all... He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, ...14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified."

Serve the Lord - *Josua 24:15* "If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served ,,,; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." - *Matt. 20:28* "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

T Transformed by the renewing of your mind - *Rom. 12:2* "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

Treasures in Heaven - *Matt 6:19-21* "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:15-21)

U Use your Spiritual Gift - *Rom. 12:4-8* "...we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly..."

V Vessels for the Lord's use - *II Tim. 2:20,21* "Now in a large house there are not only gold & silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. 21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work."

W Word of God - *Psalms 119:9,11* "How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. 11 Your word I have treasured in my heart that I may not sin against You." - *Psalms 19:10,11* "They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. 11 Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward." *Psalms 119:105* "Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path."

Will of God - *I John 2:15-17* "Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. 17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever."

Wisdom - *Pro. 9:10* "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

Worship - *John 4:24* "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Worthy of Praise - *Phil. 4:8* "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." (Rev. 4:11)

X Experience His Pleasure - *II Cor. 5:9* "Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him."

Y Yield humbly - *I Peter 5:5,6* "...and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,"

Z Zealous for good deeds *Titus 2:11-14* "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, 14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds." - *Eph. 2:10* "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."

The A B C's of the Christian Life

Pt. 2 - Building a Quality Life

II Cor. 5:14,15

"For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf."

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A Acknowledge God - *Pro. 3:5,6* "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight."

Adoration *Psalms 34:1-3* "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul will make its boast in the Lord; The humble will hear it and rejoice. 3 O magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together."

Attitude - *Phil. 2:5-8* "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ... He humbled Himself by becoming obedient ..."

B Blood of Christ - *Heb. 9:22* "...all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness." - *1 John 1:7* "but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin."

Believe in Jesus Christ - *Acts 10:43* "Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins."

C Confess - *Rom. 10:9,10* "that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

Creation - *Gen. 1:1* "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." *Gen. 1:26,27* "He made man in His image, male and female He created them." (Col. 1:16,17)

Christ is coming back!!! - *Acts 1:11* "They also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.'" (I Thess. 4:13-18)

D Disciples - **John 8:31,32** "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

Discipline - **I Tim. 4:7,8** "...discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; 8 for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come."

E Exceptional - **Psalms 1:1-3**

"How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers."

F Faith - **Rom. 1:16,17** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith.""

Fellowship - **Heb. 10:24,25** "and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

Fruit of the Spirit - **Gal 5:22,23**

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

G Give Thanks - **I Thess. 5:16-18** "Rejoice always; 17 pray without ceasing; 18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Give Cheerfully - **II Cor. 9:7** "Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, ... for God loves a cheerful giver." **Matt. 10:8e** "freely you received, freely give."

Gospel in one verse - **Rom. 6:23**

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Grace - **II Cor. 8:9** "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich." (Eph.2:8,9)

H Heavenly minded - **Col. 3:1-3**

"Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

Heart - **Pro. 4:23** "Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life."

I Imitators of God - **Eph. 5:1,2** "Be imitators of God, As beloved children, and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us..."

Indwelling Holy Spirit - **Rom. 8:11**

"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

J Jesus the Lamb of God - **John 1:29** "The next day he *saw Jesus coming to him and *said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Joy of the Lord - **Neh. 8:10**

"... the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Judgment - **Heb. 9:27** "and inasmuch it is appointment for men to die once and after this comes judgement."

(Rev. 20:11-15)

Justified - **Rom. 5:1** "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"

K Know the Lord - **Jer. 9:23,24** "Thus says the Lord, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; 24 but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the Lord."

L Love of God - **Rom. 5:8** "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **I John 4:9,10** "By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

Love for God - **I John 4:19** "We love, because He first loved us. **Matt. 22:37** "And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

M Mercy - **Titus 3:5,6** "He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit 6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,"

Missions - **Acts 1:8** "but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

N Never stop doing good - **Gal. 6:9** "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary."

New Creation - **I Cor. 5:17** "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

No Condemnation - **Rom. 8:1** "Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." **Ps. 32:1,2** How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered. 2 How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit! "

O Overcomers - **I John 5:4,5**

"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (James 1:14,15)

P Promises of God - **II Pet. 1:4**

"For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust." (Rom. 8:28)

Prayer - **Eph. 6:18** "With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints," **Matt. 9:37,38** "...beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

Peace of God - **Phil. 4:6,7** "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Q Quality Christian Living - **Col. 3:12-17**

"And so, as those you have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. 14 Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."

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Pt. 3 - Discipleship

Matt. 28:19,20

(The Great Commission)

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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R **Role of Holy Spirit** - **John 16:7-14** "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8 And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. 12 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you."

S **Suffering** - **1 Pet. 4:19** "Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right."

Struggle - **Gal. 5:16, 17** "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please."

T **Transferred** - **Col. 1:13,14**

"For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

The Fall of Man - **Gen. 3:1-8**

"Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'' 2 The woman said to the serpent, 'From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; 3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.''' 4 The serpent said to the woman, 'You surely will not die! 5 For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' 6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. 8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden."

The Exchange Life - **1 Pet. 2:23c,24** "...but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed."

U **Unashamed** - **Rom. 1:16** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

Unlimited Power - **II Cor. 4:7** "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves;"

V **Victory** - **1 John 5:4** "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."

Vigilant - **1 Cor. 16:13** "Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong." **1 Peter 5:8** "Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."

W **Wait for the Lord** - **Isa. 40:31** "Yet those who wait for the Lord Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary."

What God did - **Rom. 8:2-4**

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."

Warning - **II Cor. 11:3,14** "But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. 14 ...for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light."

X **excellence** - **Phil. 4:8** "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."

Y **Yearnings** - **Isa. 30:18** "Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him."

Z **Zoom in** for what is good and profitable

- **Titus 3:8** "... that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men."

A **Approved** - **II Tim. 2:15** "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."

Heb. 11:39 "And all these, having gained approval through their faith;"

Armor of God - **Eph. 6:10-18** "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints."

Adequate - **2 Cor. 3:5** "Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, 6 who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."

B **Belonging** - **Gal. 5:24** "Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

"B" Attitude's - **Matt. 5:3-12** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
God 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called
sons of God. 10 "Blessed are those who have been
persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when people insult
you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil
against you because of Me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before you."

C **Chosen by God** - **Col. 3:12-16** "So, as those who
have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart
of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;
13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other,
whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord
forgave you, so also should you. 14 Beyond all these things
put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. 15 Let the
peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you
were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word
of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching
and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and
spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to
God."

Counsel of the Lord - **Psalms 32:8** "I will
instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go;
I will counsel you with My eye upon you."

D **Discipline** - **Heb. 12:4-8** "You have not yet
resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving
against sin; 5 and you have forgotten the exhortation which
is addressed to you as sons, "My son, do not regard lightly
the discipline of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reproved
by Him; 6 For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines,
and He scourges every son whom He receives." 7 It is for
discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons;
for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8
But if you are without discipline, of which all have become
partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons."

E **Eternal Perspective** - **II Cor. 4:16-18**
Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is
decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. 17
For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an
eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 18 while
we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things
which are not seen; for the things which are seen are
temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

F **Faith** - **Eph. 2:8,9**
"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that
not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of
works, that no one should boast."

Faithfulness - **Psalms 91:4**

"He will cover you with His pinions, And under His wings
you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and
bulwark."

Fruitful - **John 15:16** You did not choose Me but I
chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear
fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that what ever
you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

G **Gifted** - **I Pet. 4:10** "As each one has received a
special gift, employ it in serving one another as good
stewards of the manifold grace of God."

Good Foundation - **Matt. 7:24-27** "Therefore
everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them,
may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the
rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the
winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did
not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. 26 Everyone
who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them,
will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.
27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew
and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was
its fall."

H **Heaven** - **Phil 3:20** "For our citizenship is in
heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the
Lord Jesus Christ;"

Humble yourselves - **I Pet. 5:6,7**
"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of
God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, 7 casting
all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you."

I **Intercedes for us** - **Rom. 8:26** "In the same way
the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how
to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for
us with groanings too deep for words
Rom. 8:34 "...who is the one who condemns? Christ
Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is
at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us."

J **Jesus, Oh to be like Him** - **Rom. 8:29**
"For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to
become conformed to the image of His Son..."
(I John 3:2,3)

K **Know God** - **1 John 5:20**
"And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given
us understanding so that we may know Him who is true;
and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ.
This is the true God and eternal life." (II Pet. 1:3)

L **Love that conquers** - **Rom. 8:37-39**
"But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through
Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death,
nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor
things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any
other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of
God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

M **Meditate** - **Psalms 1:1-3** "How blessed is the man
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in
the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! 2 But his
delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates
day and night. 3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by
streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf
does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers."

Ministry conviction - **John 3:27**
"John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it
has been given him from heaven."

Mind Set - **Rom. 8:6** "For the mind set on the flesh is
death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,"

N **Never leave you** - **Heb. 13:5** "Make sure that your
character is free from the love of money, being content with what
you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor
will I ever forsake you,"

O **Obedience** - **I Sam. 15:22** "Samuel said, "Has the Lord
as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying
the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,
And to heed than the fat of rams."

P **Presence of the Lord** - **Acts 3:19** "Therefore repent
and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that
times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;"
Priesthood of Believers - **1 Peter 2:5** "...you also,
as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy
priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ." **1 Peter 2:9** "But you are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own
possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him
who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;"

Q **Quit sinning** - **1 Peter 1:14-16** "As obedient children,
do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in
your ignorance, 15 but like the Holy One who called you, be
holy yourselves also in all your behavior; 16 because it is written,
"You shall be holy, for I am holy." **Rom. 13:12-14** "let us
therefore lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of
light. Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and
drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in
strife and jealousy. But put on the lord Jesus Christ, and make
no provision for the flesh in regard to its lust."

Productive Lives - **Matt. 13:23** "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.

Purity - **II Tim: 2:22** "Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart."

Q **Qualification** - **I Tim. 3:1-7** "It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do. 2 An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. 4 He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity 5 (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), 6 and not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. 7 And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."

R **Reconciliation** - **I Cor. 5:18,19** "Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. "

Redeem the Time - **Eph. 5:15,16** "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

Remember - **Heb. 13:7** "Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith."

Responsibility - **Heb. 13:17b** "...for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account."

S **Self-denial** - **Mark 8:34** "And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me".

Servant Leader - **Mark 10:43,44** "whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all."

Stewardship - **I Cor. 4:1,2** "Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God 2. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy."

T **Triumph** - **II Cor. 2:14** "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place."

U **Unity** - **Eph. 4:1-3** "... walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, ... to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Unless the Lord - **Psalms 127:1** "Unless the Lord builds the house they labor in vain who build it, unless the Lord guards the city the watchman keeps awake in vain."

V **Vision** - **Pro. 29:18 (KJV)** "Where there is no vision, the people perish:"

Value - **II Cor. 12:15** "I will most gladly spend and be expended for your souls"

W **Warfare** - **II Cor. 10:3-5** "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,"

Warning - **James 3:1** "Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment."

Worship - **Psalms 29:2** "Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in holy array."

X **exhortation** - **1 Thess. 2:3-7**

"For our exhortation does not come from error or impurity or by way of deceit; 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts. 5 ...7 But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children."

Y **Yoke fellow** - **Matt. 11:28-30** "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Z **Zero in on God's purpose** - **II Cor. 3:18** "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit." **Gal. 4:19**

The **A B C's** of the Christian Life Pt. 4 - Leadership

Gal. 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."
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A **Abide** - **John 15:4** "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me."

Able, God is - **II Tim. 1:12** "For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day."

B **Behavior** - **James 3:13** Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

Biblical examples - **Ezra 7:10** (Ezra) "For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel."

Gen. 50:19,20 (Joseph) "But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive."

Num. 14:24 (Caleb) "But My servant Caleb, because he has had a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land which he entered, and his descendants shall take possession of it."

I Sam. 12:23,24 (Samuel) "Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you; but I will instruct you in the good and right way. 24 Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you."

John 3:30 "He must increase and I must decrease."

C **Commission** (Great) - **Matt. 28:19,20** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Commandment (Greatest) - **Matt. 22:37,39** "And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 39 The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

D Disciple - **John 13:35** "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Discipline - **1 Cor. 9:24-27** "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. 25 Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; 27 but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified."

E Entrust - **2 Tim. 2:2** "The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

Edification - **Eph. 4:29** "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear."

F Faith - **Rom. 10:17** "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ."

Fruit - **Matt. 3:8** "Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance." **Matt. 13:23** And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."

Follow - **Matt. 4:19** "And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

G Gratitude - **Heb. 12:28** "Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe."

Goal - **1 Tim. 1:5** "But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."

God draws to Himself - **John 6:44** "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day."

H Hardship - **II Tim. 2:3-6** "Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus 4 No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier. 5 Also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he

competes according to the rules. 6 The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops."

Holy Spirit - **Zech. 4:6** "... "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of hosts."

I Identity - **1 Peter 2:9,10** "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellence of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light 10 for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

Implore - **1 Thess. 2:10-12** "You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers; 11 just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, 12 so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory."

J Judgment - **1 Cor. 3:11-15** "For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. 14 If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire."

Joy in the ministry - **Phil. 2:1,2** "Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, 2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose."

K Knowing God - **Phil. 3:8-10** "I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;"

Knowledge - **Eph. 1:17,18** "...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling,"

L Labor - **1 Thess. 1:3** "constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father,"

Liberty - **II Cor. 3:17** "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

Life-style change - **Eph. 4:22-24** "...that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth."

M Maturity - **Hebrews 5:14** "But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil."

N Nearness - **Psalms 73:28** But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord God my refuge, That I may tell of all Your works."

Newness - **Rom. 6:4-8** "...so we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; 7 for he who has died is freed from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,"

O Obedience - **1 Pet. 1:14** As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance,

One another - **1 Peter 1:22** "Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,"

P Practice - **II Peter 1:5-10** "Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, ..., knowledge, 6 ... self-control, ..., perseverance, ..., godliness, 7 ... brotherly kindness, love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. 10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;"

28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand."

T Through - *I Pet. 5:10* "After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you." *Ps. 23:4* "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. *Isa. 43:1,2* But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you."

U Understand God's purpose - *II Cor. 1:4* "...who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." *II Cor. 4:16-18* "Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. 17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

V Vision - *I Cor. 2:9* "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him."

W Ways (God's) - *Isa. 55:8,9*

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts."

X eXpect trials - *I Peter 4:12,13*

"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you 13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation." *Heb. 12:4-10* "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reproved by Him; 6 For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, And He scourges every son whom He receives." 7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 10 He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness."

Y Yield - *Matt. 11:28-30*

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Z From the beginning to the end it's all about Jesus -

Phil. 2:9-11 "Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

The ABC's of the Christian Life Pt. 5 - for those who suffer

"Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right."
I Pet. 4:19

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A Affliction has purpose - *Psalms 119:67*
"Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word." *Psalms 119:71* "It is good for me that I was afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes."
I Pet. 1:6,7; John 15:1,2

B Believe - *Rom. 8:28* "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

C Confidence - *Phil. 1:6* "For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."

Comfort - *II Cor. 1:3,4a* "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction"

D Dispel Doubts - *Mark 9:24*
"Immediately the boy's father cried out and said, "I do believe; help my unbelief." *Psalms 27:13* "I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living."

E Endurance - *James 1:3* "knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance."
James 5:11 "We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful."

F Faith - *I Pet. 4:19* "Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right."

Fear - *I Tim. 1:7* "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and sound mind."

G Grace is sufficient - *II Cor. 12:9*
"And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is perfected in weakness."

H Hope is critical - *Rom. 15:13* "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." *Rom. 15:4, I Pet. 1:3; 5:10, Matt. 19:26, Ps. 33:18,19, 42:5, 40:1-3, 13,17, 69:13-17, 86:1-7, 119:49,50, II Chron. 20:15,17,20*

I Include others - *II Cor. 1:11*
"you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many." *James 5:14* "Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; 15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him."

J Jesus is our example - *Heb. 12:2*
"Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."
Heb. 5:8 "Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered."

K Know God's promises - *II Pet. 1:4*
"For by these He has granted to us His precious and

magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust."

Short list of Promises: -

I Peter 5:7 "casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you."

Romans 8:18, 32 "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?"

Psalms 34:17-19 "The righteous cry, and the Lord hears And delivers them out of all their troubles. 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted And saves those who are crushed in spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all."

Psalms 138:8 "The LORD will accomplish what concerns me; Your lovingkindness, O LORD, is everlasting;" Do not forsake the works of Your hands."

Psalms 73:26 "My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

I John 4:4 "greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world."

Hebrews 6:18,19 "so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. 19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast"

L Love of God - *Rom. 8:38,39*

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

M Mind set - *Rom. 8:6* "For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace," *Phil 4:8* "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."

N Never - *Heb.13:5* "He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,"

Need - *Heb. 4:16* "Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

O Overcome the world - *John 16:33*
"These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

P Prayer is essential - *Phil. 4:6,7*
"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Q Quiet before God - *Psalms 46:10*
"Cease striving and know that I am God."

R Remember God's faithfulness -
Lam. 3:21-25 "This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. 22 The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. 24 The Lord is my portion," says my soul, Therefore I have hope in Him." 25 The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, To the person who seeks Him."

S Strength - *Phil. 4:13* "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

Shepherd - *Ps. 23:1-3* "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. 3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake."

John 10:14 "I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;