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## 27 Ways the Bible Makes Me Better at Work

### 1. *critical thinking*

You learn to analyze the Bible. You learn to think logically, to analyze, to solve problems.

**2Tim 2:15** Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. **16** But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase into more ungodliness.

**2Pet 3:16** As also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things that are hard to understand, which those who are unlearned and unstable twist, as *they do* also the other scriptures, to their own destruction.

**Acts 17:11** These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

**Isa 1:18** Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

List 3 different things you have thought through in detail:

Have you helped anyone else think through these things? 1) Y/N 2) Y/N 3) Y/N

What did others do to help you think through them?

### 2. *technical*

God gives you abilities (gifts). You expand your technical abilities so you can do those things better, you are used to expanding your technical abilities.

**Exod 36:1** Then worked Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all kinds of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded.

**Rom 12:6** Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith; **7** Or ministry, *let us work* in *our* ministering: or the one who teaches, in teaching; **8** Or the one who exhorts, in exhortation: the one who gives, *let him do it* with sincerity; the one who leads, with diligence; the one who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

**2Tim 2:2** And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit the same things to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

**Acts 6:3** Wherefore, brethren, select among you seven men who are reported to be honest, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. **4** But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

**Eph 4:11** And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; **12** For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

What are some technical things you can do: At home? At work? At school?

What things do you find yourself helping others do?

### 3. *listening*

You try to learn God's desires and how to make Him happy. As a result you also learn to listen and respond to people.

**Deut 6:4** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

**Deut 10:12** And now, Israel, *what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,*

**Exod 15:26** And said, *If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and will do that which is right in his sight, and will give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes,* I will put none of these diseases upon you, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I *am* the LORD who heals you.

**Prov 19:20** Hear counsel, and receive instruction, so that you may be wise in your latter end.

**Jas 1:22** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like a man looking at his natural face in a mirror: <sup>24</sup> For he sees himself, and goes his way, and immediately forgets what kind of man he is. <sup>25</sup> But whoever looks into the perfect law of liberty, and continues *in it*, not being a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Name 3 people you listen to.

Why?

What do you gain?

What do they gain?

### 4. *determination*

Satan and his people oppose you obeying God. You learn to keep on in the face of problems.

**Eph 4:26** **Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath:**

**1Tim 5:17** Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

**1Thess 5:17** Pray without ceasing.

**Eph 6:11** Put on the whole armour of God, so you may be able to stand against the tricky methods of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

**1Tim 6:12** Fight the good fight of faith, *seize* eternal life, to which you are also called, and have made a good profession before many witnesses.

What have you done that others said couldn't be done?

Why?

Who did it help?

## 5. communication

You learn to explain God to people. So you also learn to explain other things. You also learn to listen and explain as you learn and help with projects.

**2Cor 5:20** Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did urgently ask *you* by us: we beg *you* on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

**2Tim 4:2** Preach the word; be present in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

**Matt 28:19** Go therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: **20** Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you: and, behold!, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the world. Amen.

**1Pet 3:15** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and always *be* ready to *give* an answer to every man who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

List 3 things you have explained to others.

Did it help them?

What got done because of it?

Did you have to adjust your ideas as you learned what they wanted? How?

## 6. leadership

You lead a Bible study or an activity to help people. You learn to lead.

**Rom 12:8** Or the one who exhorts, on exhortation: the one who gives, *let him do it* with sincerity; the one who rules, with diligence; the one who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

**Prov 12:24** The hand of the diligent shall rule: but the slothful shall be under force labor.

**1Cor 11:1** Be followers of me, even as I also *am* of Christ.

**1Pet 5:1** The elders who are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: **2** Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight of it, not by constraint, but willingly; not disgracefully gaining, but of a ready mind **3** Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being examples to the flock.

**1Tim 5:17** Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

**Titus 2:7** In all things presenting yourself to be a model of good works: in doctrine *showing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

List 3 activities you lead, or helped to lead.

What preparation did you do for leading?

What went right? What went wrong?

How do people react to your leadership style?

## 7. *interpersonal*

You learn how to care about others, and how to deal with situations God's way. That carries over to work.

**Titus 3:1** Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to do every good work, **2** To speak evil of no man, to not be brawlers, *but* gentle, showing all meekness to all men.

**Matt 18:15** Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone: if he hears you, you have gained your brother. **16** But if he will not listen to you, *then* take with you one or two more, **that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.** **17** And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church: and if he refuses to hear the church, let him be to you as a heathen and a publican.

**Eph 4:25** Therefore putting away lying, **every man speak truth with his neighbor:** for we are members one of another. **26** **Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath:** **27** Neither give place to the devil. **28** Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands the thing that is good, so he may have to give to him that needs. **29** Let no rotten words proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for building up, so it may give grace to the hearers. **30** And do not grieve the holy Spirit of God, by whom you are sealed for the day of redemption. **31** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: **32** And be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.

**John 15:12** This is my commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you.

**Eph 4:2** With all lowliness and mildness, with longsuffering, putting up with one another in love;

**1Pet 3:8** Finally, everyone be like-minded, having sympathies for one another, love as brethren, *be* compassionate, *be* courteous: **9** Not returning evil for evil, or slander for slander: but instead speaking positively of them; knowing that you are called for this, so that you will inherit a blessing.

**1Pet 5:5** Likewise, you younger people, submit yourselves to the elderly. Moreover, all *of you* be subordinate to one another, and be clothed with humility: for **God resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble.**

**Col 3:12** Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, compassions, sympathy, excellence in character, humbleness of mind, mildness, longsuffering; **13** Putting up with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a quarrel against anyone: even as Christ forgave you, so you also *do*. **14** And above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness. **15** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, in which you are also called in one body; and be thankful.

**Matt 22:37** Jesus said to him, **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.** **38** This is the first and great commandment. **39** **And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbour as yourself.**

Who have you cared about so much you helped them even though you lost out doing it? How?

Describe someone who has been less than a delight to be around and how you have tried to make things better for that person.

## 8. *teamwork*

You work with people to accomplish projects. You have experience working with people.

**Acts 13:5** And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they also had John as an assistant.

**Acts 15:36** And some days later Paul said to Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing. **37** And Barnabas decided to take John, whose surname was Mark, with them. **38** But Paul did not think it good to take him with them, who had departed from them from Pamphylia, and did not go with them to the work. **39** And the contention was so sharp between them, that they separated from each other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed to Cyprus; **40** And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren in the grace of God.

**2Tim 4:9** Be diligent to come to me soon: **10** For Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. **11** Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with you: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

**Acts 19:22** So he sent two of them that ministered to him into Macedonia, Timotheus and Erastus; but he himself stayed in Asia for a season.

**Acts 6:1** And in those days, when the number of the disciples had increased, there arose a grumbling of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily charitable aid. **2** Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples to them, and said, It is not fit that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. **3** Therefore, brethren, select seven men among you who are well spoken of, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. **4** But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. **5** And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a convert from Antioch: **6** Whom they stood before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

**Matt 14:19** And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and broke, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

What projects have you done with others?

What was your role?

## 9. *commitment*

God demands commitment to Himself and to Christians and to bosses. Commitment is not a mere concept, it is something you do.

**1Cor 10:31** Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatever you do, do all for the glory of God.

**Exod 20:3** You shall have no other gods before me.

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**1Pet 2:18** Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the warped.

**1Tim 6:1** Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and his doctrine will not be blasphemed.



Heb 11:35 Women received their dead raised to life again; and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; so that they might obtain a better resurrection: 36 And others had trials of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; 38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of the earth.

Who are you most committed to?

What are you most committed to?

What will you do when your boss needs extra help and that will mess up your big personal plans for the day?

If your boss tells you to do something you know is wrong, what will you do? Why?

### *10. reliability*

Going to meetings, engaging in projects, seeing what happens when people are reliable, seeing results and consequences of not being reliable- you value reliability.

Acts 15:36 And some days later Paul said to Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, *and see* how they are doing. 37 And Barnabas decided to take John, whose surname was Mark, with them. 38 But Paul did not think it good to take him with them, who had departed from them from Pamphylia, and did not go with them to the work. 39 And the contention was so sharp between them, that they separated from each other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed to Cyprus; 40 And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren in the grace of God.

2Tim 4:11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with you: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

Prov 20:6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but who can find a faithful man?

Matt 25:21 His lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant: you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter into the joy of your lord.

Luke 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

1Cor 4:2 Moreover it is required of stewards, that a man be found faithful.

What have your experiences with reliability been? Ever had a problem because someone wasn't reliable? Been relieved because someone was?

What did you do?

Who has been faithful to you? How?

Who are you faithful to? How?

## 11. motivation

You keep your eye on the prize God offers, and the one your boss offers. You know laziness is counterproductive. God's goals are your goals. So are your boss's.

**Heb 11:16** But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one: therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he has prepared a city for them.

**Heb 11:35** Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; so that they might obtain a better resurrection:

**Prov 6:6** Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

**Eph 4:28** Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, so he may have to give to him that needs.

**2Cor 5:9** Therefore we labor, so that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

**Phil 3:14** I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

**2Thess 3:10** For even when we were with you, we commanded you, that if anyone would not work, neither should he eat.

**Jer 29:11** For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

What motivates you to serve God?

What motivates you to serve your boss?

What is God's goal for you?

What is your boss's goal for you?

## 12. detail oriented

You look at details in the Bible, learn to discern and to place concepts properly. You are used to focusing on details and placing them in the BIG picture.

**Gal 3:16** Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He does not say, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to your seed, which is Christ.

**1John 4:1** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but evaluate the spirits to decide if they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

**Eph 5:10** Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

**Phil 1:9** And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; <sup>10</sup> That you may approve things that are excellent; that you may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

**Heb 5:14** But strong meat belongs to those who are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

What things are you really good at seeing details in?

What kind of details?

When have you noticed details that have been helpful to others?

### *13. honesty*

God expects honesty. You learn to be honest habitually.

**Eph 4:25** Therefore putting away lying, every man speak truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.

**Eph 4:28** Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, so he may have to give to him that needs.

**Exod 20:16** You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

**Col 3:9** Do not lie one to another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds;

When have you seen lying create a problem?

When have you told the truth when people didn't expect you to?

### *14. compassion*

You help meet needs. You value people as you help them. You help meet needs at your job, of your boss and coworkers and customers.

**Col 3:12** Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

**1Pet 3:8** Finally, everyone be like-minded, having sympathies for one another, love as brethren, be compassionate, be courteous:

**Eph 4:32** And be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.

**1John 3:17** But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother having a need, and shuts up his bowels of compassion from him, how does the love of God dwell in him? <sup>18</sup> My little children, do not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

**1John 4:7** Beloved, let us love one another: for love is from God; and every one that loves is born of God, and knows God. <sup>8</sup> The one who does not love does not know God; for God is love.

Name 3 acts of compassion you have done- for people you can't stand.

### *15. patience*

God teaches patience. His people live patience. You live patience.

**1Cor 13:4** Love is longsuffering, and is kind; love does not envy; love does not boast about itself, is not puffed up,

**Eph 4:26** Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath: <sup>27</sup> Neither give place to the devil.

**Gal 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, <sup>23</sup> Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

**Eph 4:2** With all lowliness and mildness, with longsuffering, putting up with one another in love:

Describe one situation where you had to put up with someone's less-than-friendly presence.

How did you handle it?

Did you help that person?

### *16. time measurement and organization*

God gives you opportunities and priorities. You learn to do priority things first, and organize to that end.

**Neh 2-3** *Nehemiah got letters from the King, secretly surveyed that wall, organized people to rebuild the wall, a section per group.*

**Exod 18:17-27** *Moses, following advice, organized a system of judges.*

**1Cor 14:27** If any man speaks in an *unknown* tongue, *let it be* two, or at the most three, and *that* as a part; and let someone interpret.

**Eph 5:15** Therefore make sure that you walk accurately, not as fools, but as wise, **16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. **17** Therefore do not be unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.

**Exod 25-28** *Moses organized the making of the Old Testament tabernacle.*

When do you really get good at organizing something?

What kind of activity are you really good at organizing?

When are you best at making sure things happen on time?

How do you react when people tell you you need to get things done NOW?

### *17. creativity*

You search for ways to meet needs at church and of people in need. You learn to search for new effective solutions.

**Acts 6:1** And in those days, when the number of the disciples had increased, there arose a grumbling of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily charitable aid. **2** Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *to them*, and said, It is not fit that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. **3** Therefore, brethren, select seven men among you who are well spoken of, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. **4** But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. **5** And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a convert from Antioch: **6** Whom they stood before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.

**1Cor 14:26** How is it then, brethren? when you come together, every one of you has a psalm, has a doctrine, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edifying. **27** If anyone speaks in an *unknown* tongue, *let it be* two, or at the most three, and *that* as a part; and let someone interpret. **28** But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak

to himself, and to God. <sup>29</sup> Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the others judge. <sup>30</sup> If *any thing* is revealed to someone else that sits by, let the first hold his peace. <sup>31</sup> For you may all prophesy one by one, so that everyone may learn, and everyone may be comforted. <sup>32</sup> And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. <sup>33</sup> For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

**Acts 14:21** And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

**Acts 3:1** Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *which was* the ninth hour. <sup>2</sup> And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask for gifts of money from those who entered into the temple: <sup>3</sup> Who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked for a gift of money. <sup>4</sup> And Peter, fastening his eyes on him with John, said, Look at us. <sup>5</sup> And he paid attention to them, expecting to receive something of them. <sup>6</sup> Then Peter said, I have no silver and gold; but what I have give I to you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. <sup>7</sup> And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. <sup>8</sup> And leaping up he stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. <sup>9</sup> And all the people saw him walking and praising God: <sup>10</sup> And they knew that he was the one who sat for gifts of money at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

What ideas have you come up with that have helped others?

What was your response when someone rejected a "good" idea of yours?

### 18. *quality*

God doesn't make junk. He didn't make you second best. Or make you second rate human. You value giving quality. It's what you received. God expects the best out of you. You deliver the best- all the time.

**Matt 25:20** And so he who had received five talents came and brought another five talents, saying, Lord, you delivered five talents to me: look, I have gained more five talents in addition to them. <sup>21</sup> His lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant: you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter into the joy of your lord. <sup>22</sup> Also the one who had received two talents came and said, Lord, you delivered two talents to me: look, I have gained two more talents in addition to them. <sup>23</sup> His lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter into the joy of your lord.

**Gen 1:1-31** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... <sup>31</sup> And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was very good*. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. *Over the 6 days God made the heavens and the earth he kept calling things "good" and finally He called everything "very good"*.

**Rom 12:8** Or the one who exhorts, in exhortation: the one who gives, *let him do it* with sincerity; the one who leads, with diligence; the one who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

**1Cor 10:31** Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatever you do, do all for the glory of God.

**Heb 9:27** And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this is the judgment: <sup>28</sup> Even so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many; and he shall appear the second time to those who look for him

without sin with regard to salvation.

1John 4:17 In this our love is made perfect, so that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

When have you delivered quality when you could have gotten by with doing less?

Who was helped?

Why did you do it?

What did it cost you in time, money, effort?

Was God glorified?

### *19. sacrifice*

It costs you to meet needs at church and in society. You care. Your work will benefit people even when the only way to help people is when you sacrifice, because you value people enough to sacrifice for them.

Rom 12:1 I strongly urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.**

2Cor 8:1 Moreover, brethren, we are making known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; **2 how in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded to the riches of their liberality.** **3** For to *their* power, I bear record, yes, and **beyond *their* power they were willing voluntarily;** **4** **begging us with much urgent request that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.**

2Cor 8:14 **But by an equality, so that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their needs, so that their abundance also may be a supply for your needs: so that there may be equality:**

Heb 9:23 **It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens would be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these...** **26** **For then he must have suffered often since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world he has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.**

Luke 21:1 And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. **2** And **he also saw a certain poor widow casting two small coins in there.** **3** And he said, **Truly I say to you, that this poor widow has cast in more than all of them: **4** For all these have cast in out of their abundance to the offerings of God: but she out of her poverty has cast in all the means of living that she had.**

What sacrificing have you done? For a friend? For God? For your boss?

Why was it a sacrifice?

What did you give up so much of that it caused you a problem?

## 20. energy

Learning the Bible takes effort. Helping people takes effort. Acting like God does in the various circumstances of life takes effort. You are used to putting effort and enthusiasm into what you do.

**1Cor 10:32** Be inoffensive to the Jews and to the Gentiles, and to the church of God: <sup>33</sup> Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking my own advantage, but the *advantage* of many, that they may be saved.

**2Chr 15:1-15** And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded: <sup>2</sup> And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him, Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD *is* with you, while you are with him; and if you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will forsake you... <sup>15</sup> And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found by them: and the LORD gave them rest all around. *No idolatry allowed! Worshiping God is key to real success.*

**Titus 2:11** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup> Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; <sup>13</sup> Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ;<sup>8</sup> <sup>14</sup> Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

**1Tim 6:12** Fight the good fight of faith, seize eternal life, to which you are also called, and have professed a good profession before many witnesses.

**Acts 17:11** These were more noble than those in Thessalonica. They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

**Prov 11:27** The one who diligently seeks good gets favor: but the one who seeks mischief, it shall come to him.

How have you worked hard to please God?

How have you worked hard to please your boss?

When have you put in extra effort? How? With what attitude?

## 21. culture

You learn how to fit in at church and other groups, and how to be helpful in that context.

**1Cor 9:20** And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain those who are under the law; <sup>21</sup> To those who are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain those who are without law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I became all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

**Acts 18:3** And because he was of the same occupation, he remained with them, and worked: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

**1Cor 14:26** How is it then, brethren? when you come together, every one of you has a psalm, has a doctrine, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edifying. <sup>27</sup> If anyone speaks in an unknown tongue, let it be two, or at the most three, and that as a part; and let someone interpret. <sup>28</sup> But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. <sup>29</sup> Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the others judge. <sup>30</sup> If any thing is revealed to someone else that sits by, let the first hold his peace. <sup>31</sup> For you may all prophesy one by one, so that everyone may learn, and everyone may be comforted. <sup>32</sup> And the spirits of the prophets are

subject to the prophets. <sup>33</sup> For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

**Acts 25:6** And when he had remained among them more than ten days, he went down to Caesarea; and the next day, sitting on the judgment seat, commanded Paul to be brought. <sup>7</sup> And when he had come, the Jews who came down from Jerusalem stood all around, and made many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove. <sup>8</sup> While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I done any wrong at all. <sup>9</sup> But Festus, willing to do the Jews a favor, answered Paul, and said, Will you go up to Jerusalem, and be judged there concerning these things before me? <sup>10</sup> Then Paul said, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews I have done no wrong, as you know very well. <sup>11</sup> For if I am an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I do not refuse to die: but if none these things whereof they accuse me of are true, no man may deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar. <sup>12</sup> Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Have you appealed unto Caesar? to Caesar you shall go.

**Acts 2:1** *This entire chapter shows people adapting to situations and people.*

When have you adapted what you do to fit in- at church? -at work?

In what ways?

Why?

## 22. *humble*

Give credit where credit is due, don't hog glory of accomplishments for yourself.

**1Pet 3:9** Not returning evil for evil, or slander for slander: but instead speaking positively of them; knowing that you are called for this, so that you will inherit a blessing.

**Eph 4:2** With all lowliness and mildness, with longsuffering, putting up with one another in love;

**Jas 4:6** But he gives more gracious benevolence. Therefore he says, **God resists the proud, but gives gracious benevolence to the humble.**

**1Pet 5:5** Likewise, you younger, submit yourselves to the elderly. Yes, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: because **God resists the proud, and gives gracious benevolence to the humble.** <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time: <sup>7</sup> Casting all your care upon him; because he cares for you.

**Prov 11:2** When pride comes, then shame comes: but wisdom is with the lowly.

**Prov 15:33** The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility.

**Prov 18:12** Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honor is humility.

**Phil 2:3** *Let* nothing *be done* through strife or self-conceit; but in humbleness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves.

When have you made sure others got the credit when you helped do the work?

How have you reacted when someone stole the credit for what you did?

Do you help people get into positions where they get credit instead of you?



### 23. *mildness*

Gentle, easy to get along with. Not backstabbing, gossiping, or domineering.

**Col 3:12** Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, compassions, sympathy, excellence in character, humbleness of mind, mildness, longsuffering; **13** Putting up with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a quarrel against anyone: even as Christ forgave you, so you also do. **14** And above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness. **15** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, in which you are also called in one body; and be thankful.

**Eph 4:2** With all lowliness and mildness, with longsuffering, putting up with one another in love;

**Rom 12:12** Rejoicing in hope; patient under pressure; persevering in prayer;

**1Tim 3:3** Not given to wine, not quarrelsome, not greedy for filthy gain; but mild, peaceable, not greedy;

**1Pet 3:4** But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in the undecaying situation of a meek and quiet spirit, which is extremely expensive in the sight of God.

**2Tim 4:2** Preach the word; be present in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

How do you handle argumentative people?

How do you handle arguments?

How do you show compassion to the "bad guy"?

How do you give someone their "space"?

How do you handle the rumor mill?

How do you avoid being made into a doormat, someone who is simply used and abused- without being abusive yourself?

### 24. *building others up*

It is not all about you. You help others be able to do things.

**Eph 4:29** Let no rotten words proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for building up, so it may give gracious benevolence to the hearers.

**Rom 15:1** Then we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. **2** Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good for upbuilding.

**1Thess 5:11** Therefore comfort yourselves together, and build up one another, even as you also do. **12** And we ask you, brethren, to know 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. And be at peace among yourselves.

**14** Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, support the weak, be patient toward all people.

**1Cor 10:24** Let no man seek his own, but every man another's well-being.

**Gal 6:2** Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

How do you help others become better, even better than you, at what they do?

What kinds of things can you help people get better at?

### 25. *accountable*

God holds you accountable. Others hold you accountable. You remember that doing right truly is a good idea. All the time.

[Titus 3:1](#) Remind them to be subject to chiefs and authorities, to obey rulers, to be ready to do every good work,

[Heb 13:17](#) Obey those who lead you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as those who must give account, so they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

[1Thess 5:12](#) And we ask you, brethren, to know those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you: <sup>13</sup> And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves.

[Rom 13:1](#) Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that exist are ordained of God.

[Luke 17:7](#) But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will immediately say to him, when he has come from the field, Go and sit down? <sup>8</sup> And will not say to him instead, Prepare something for me to eat, and fasten on your belt, and serve me, until I have eaten and drank; and afterward you will eat and drink? <sup>9</sup> He does not thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him. <sup>10</sup> So likewise you, when you shall have done all those things which are commanded, say, We are useless servants: we have done what was our duty to do.

How do you make sure you are held accountable?

Who do you trust to hold you accountable?

How do you react to being told you were in the wrong?

How are you going to improve your reaction?

How do you hold others accountable- and build them up at the same time?

### 26. *helpful*

Others have helped you. You help others. God helps you. You help God. It is God's way.

[Eph 6:5](#) Servants, be obedient to those who are *your* masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as to Christ; <sup>6</sup> Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; <sup>7</sup> With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: <sup>8</sup> Knowing that whatever good thing any man does, the same he shall receive from the Lord, whether *he is* a slave or free. <sup>9</sup> And, you masters, do the same things to them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him. <sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

[Phlm 1:11](#) Who in past times was useless to you, but now is useful to you and to me... <sup>13</sup> Whom I would have retained with me, so that on your behalf he might have ministered to me in the bonds of the gospel

Jas 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their troubles, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

2Cor 9:1 For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: <sup>2</sup> For I know the predisposition of your mind, about which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stimulated very many.

1Cor 12:28 And God has placed some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of languages.

In what ways has God made it so you can help others?

Do you help others at times when it will cost you (time, money, effort) and you know you will get nothing back?

Why do you help others?

## 27. integrity

If it is right you do it, if it is wrong you say 'no'.

Titus 2:7 In all things showing yourself as a pattern of good works: in doctrine *showing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity.

Prov 11:3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

Ps 41:12 And as for me, you sustain me in my integrity, and set me before your face for ever.

Job 27:5 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove my integrity from me.

1Chr 29:17 I also know, my God, that you test the heart, and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now I have seen with joy your people, who are present here, to offer willingly to you.

Matt 25:20 And so he who had received five talents came and brought another five talents, saying, Lord, you delivered five talents to me: look, I have gained more five talents in addition to them. <sup>21</sup> His lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant: you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter into the joy of your lord. <sup>22</sup> Also the one who had received two talents came and said, Lord, you delivered two talents to me: look, I have gained two more talents in addition to them. <sup>23</sup> His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter into the joy of your lord.

Luke 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

How do you handle it when you find out others are helping themselves to (stealing) office supplies? Food? Or goofing off on paid work time?

Do you do right even when the boss isn't watching? Tell of one time.

Do you do right because you know God is watching? And you know He is the only one watching?

Do you expect God to reward you for doing right, even when the boss doesn't (he may not even know)?

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