

Ministry Idea: The Transcendent Holy Spirit

- What spiritual maturity looks like
 - "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matt 11:29)
 - Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men." (Phil 2:5,7)
 - "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love." (Jn 15:10)
 - "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another." (Jn 13:34)
 - "But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control [enkrateia], to self-control perseverance [hupomone], to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness [philadelphia], and to brotherly kindness love [agape]." (2Pet 1:5-7)
- Emphasizing yieldedness to the Holy Spirit
 - "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." (Rom 8:14)
 - "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." (Gal 5:25)
 - "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." (Gal 5:16)
 - "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." (Jn 3:8)
 - "Trust [batach] in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding [biynah]; in all your ways [derek] acknowledge [yada] Him, and He shall direct [yashar] your paths [orach]." (Prov 3:5-6)
 - "Commit [galal] your works [maaseh] to the LORD, and your thoughts [machashabah] will be established [kun]." (Prov 16:3)
- Living above soulish Christianity
 - Exposing the shortcomings of soulish Christianity
 - soulish believers have numerous sentimental experiences which induce them to deem themselves more spiritual, not realizing these are but evidences of their being carnal.
 - their spiritual condition is highest when they can feel the Lord's presence and lowest when they fail to do so.
 - a vaunting ambition marks out those who live in the realm of the soul. The first place is often their desire. They are vainglorious in the Lord's work. They aspire to be powerful workers, greatly used by the Lord.
 - they take pride in themselves if they succeed but once. A little knowledge, a little experience, a little success easily provokes them to feel as though they have achieved a great deal.
 - believers who trust in the soul easily become discouraged.
 - quick are the soulish to criticize and slow are they to forgive.
 - they cannot wait on God. Whatever is done is done hurriedly, precipitously, impetuously.
 - the mind of the carnal is occupied wholly with their endeavors. They ponder and plan, plot and predict.
 - because he possesses oceans of plans and mountains of opinions it is extremely trying to work with a carnal Christian.
 - Lack of victory over sin
 - Racing thoughts
 - Situational joy
 - Selfishness
 - Low emotional intelligence
 - Unable to handle difficulties
 - Complaining
 - murmuring
 - dissatisfaction
 - discontentment
 - entitlement
 - commanding God
 - self-centeredness
 - carnality
 - soulish believers are inordinately curious
 - carnal Christians tend to show off their differences and superiorities in clothing, speech or deeds
 - they look diligently for an understanding in their mind
 - they like to argue and to reason
 - they conjecture that knowing mentally is possessing experientially. This is a tremendous deception.

- most soulish believers assume an attitude of self-righteousness, though often it is scarcely detectable
 - at times soulish Christians is assaulted by the evil spirit; hence their thinking becomes confused, mixed, and sometimes defiled.
 - they frequently answer what is not asked: their mind runs wild: they shift their topics of discussion ever so often, proving how scattered are their thoughts.
 - even when they pray and read the Bible their mind wanders far away.
 - on one occasion they may be extremely excited and happy, on another occasion, very despondent and sad.
 - their lives are susceptible to constant changes for they are governed by their emotions.
 - over-sensitivity is another trait which generally marks the soulish. Very difficult are they to live with because they interpret every move around them as aimed at them.
 - they easily become intimate with people, for they literally thrive on such affection. They exhibit the sentiment of inseparability.
 - they make self their center and consider themselves special upon achieving a little progress in the spiritual realm.
 - they grasp God's grace for their own boasting. They now regard themselves stronger than others
 - They faint when the surroundings appear dark and uninviting to them. They have not yet entered into the rest of God.
 - carnal Christians crave works; yet amid many labors they are unable to maintain calm in their spirit.
 - due to their deficiency in spiritual discernment
 - Christians who thrive on the soul life are very proud. This is because they make self the center.
 - carnal believers may be long on so-called spiritual knowledge but usually are short on experience.
 - they frequently bemoan their lives, shedding many tears of self-pity.
 - thoughts of all kinds swiftly invade the conversation, precipitating a continual shift in topic and an unfailling replenishment in words.
 - soulish persons, lacking in spiritual insights, are guided by sudden thoughts which flash through the mind; their words and works are therefore often inappropriate.
 - they are inclined to tell all they know, nay, perhaps more than they know, now reaching out into the realm of supposition.
- Focus on an Initial Impartation (not the impartation for service) manifesting in many ways – **Impartation of Adoption, Much Assurance, and Power (Acts 8:17)**
 - “Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 8:17)
 - “how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” (Lk 11:13)
 - “For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance” (1Thes 1:5)
 - “For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, Abba, Father.” (Rom 8:15)
 - “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” (2Tim 1:7)
 - “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 9:17)
 - “But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.” (Acts 9:22)
 - “And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him.” (Acts 9:29)
 - “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.” (Jn 7:38-39)
 - “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” (Rom 5:5)
 - “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Rom 15:13)
 - “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” (Acts 2:4)
- **Impartation of boldness to witness**
 - “we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” (Acts 2:11)
 - There is no mention of the 3,000 or 5,000 souls converted being filled with the Spirit...
 - “Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.” (Acts 2:41)

- “many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.” (Acta 4:4)
 - “Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word” (Acts 4:29)
 - “And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.” (Acts 4:31)
- **Impartation of Praise**
 - “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1Pet 2:9)
 - “giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.” (Col 1:12-14)
- **Pneumatikos, Charisma, Pneuma**
 - Gifts of the Holy Spirit can be received at any time – they are given and exercised for the profit of all
 - They cannot be revoked
 - Believers with spiritual gifts are not mature for just having and exercising them
 - “And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal [sarkikos], as to babes in Christ.” (1Cor 3:1)
 - “for you are still carnal [sarkikos]. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal [sarkikos] and behaving like mere men?” (1Cor 3:3)
 - “For when one says, I am of Paul, and another, I am of Apollos, are you not carnal [sarkikos]?” (1Cor 3:4)
 - “Brethren, do not be children [paidion] in understanding [phren]; however, in malice be babes [nepiazō], but in understanding [phren] be mature.” (1Cor 14:20)
 - “For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled [apeiros] in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe [nepios].” (Heb 5:13)
 - “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.” (Heb 5:12)
 - “But solid food belongs to those who are of full age [teleios], that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern [diakrisis] both good and evil.” (Heb 5:14)
 - “Therefore let us, as many as are mature [teleios], have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.” (Phil 3:15)
 - “But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect [teleios] and complete [holokleros], lacking nothing.” (Jm 1:4)
 - **“But he who fears has not been made perfect [teleios] in love.” (1Jn 4:18)**
 - “My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect [teleios] man, able also to bridle the whole body.” (Jm 3:2)
 - “always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect [teleios] and complete [plerōō] in all the will of God.” (Col 4:12)
 - “Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect [teleios] in Christ Jesus.” (Col 1:28)
 - “till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect [teleios] man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Eph 4:13)
 - “But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (2Pet 1:5-8)
 - “However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature [teleios], yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.” (1Cor 2:6)
 - More excellent way – love
 - “And yet I show you a more excellent way...Love suffers long and is kind...rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.” (1Cor 12:31, 13:4, 7, 8)
 - The Holy Spirit: A Seal
 - “you were sealed [sphragizō] with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.” (Eph 1:13, 14)

- “Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed [sphragizo] us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.” (2Cor 1:21,22)
 - “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed [sphragizo] for the day of redemption.” (Eph 4:30)
- The Holy Spirit: Security Deposit
 - “who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee [arrabon].” (2Cor 1:22)
 - “Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee [arrabon].” (2Cor 5:5)
 - “who is the guarantee [arrabon] of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.” (Eph 1:14)
- The fruit of yieldedness
 - New birth by the Spirit
 - “having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever” (1Pet 1:23)
 - “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (Jn 3:3)
 - “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” (Jn 3:5)
 - “Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again.” (Jn 3:7)
 - “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right [exousia] to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” (Jn 1:12-13)
 - “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” (2Cor 5:17)
 - “I have been crucified with Christ; 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 for me.” (Gal 2:20)
 - “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” (Rom 6:4)
 - Power
 - “and what is the exceeding greatness [hyperballo megethos] of His power [dunamis] toward us who believe, according to the working [energeia] of His mighty power [ischus kratos] which He worked [energeo] in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places” (Eph 1:19,20)
 - “Strengthen [chazaq] the weak hands, and make firm [amats] the feeble knees.” (Isa 35:3)
 - “For when I am weak, then I am strong [dunatos].” (2Cor 12:10)
 - “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Phil 4:13)
 - “just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” (Rom 6:4)
 - “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.” (2Cor 4:7)
 - “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.” (Rom 8:11)
 - “and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead” (Eph 1:19,20)
 - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1Pet 1:3)
 - “And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.” (Acts 6:8)
 - “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Rom 15:13)
 - “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” (2Cor 12:9)
 - “For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you.” (2Cor 13:4)
 - “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us” (Eph 3:20)
 - “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.” (Eph 6:10)

- “that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death” (Phil 3:10)
 - “strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy” (Col 1:11)
 - “Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power” (2Thes 1:11)
 - “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” (2Tim 1:7)
 - “as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue” (2Pet 1:3)
- Much assurance
 - “For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance” (1Thes 1:5)
 - “For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh” (Phil 3:3)
 - “that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ” (Col 2:2)
 - “And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance [plerophoria] of hope until the end” (Heb 6:11)
 - “let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance [plerophoria] of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” (Heb 10:22)
 - “The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance [betach, peitho] forever.” (Isa 32:17)
 - “being confident [peitho] of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil 1:6)
 - “for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded [peitho] that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.” (2Tim 1:12)
 - “And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure [peitho] our hearts before Him.” (1Jn 3:19)
- Strong in Faith
 - “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” (Gal 5:22-23)
 - “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.” (Rom 12:3)
 - “And the apostles said to the Lord, Increase our faith. So the Lord said, If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea, and it would obey you.” (Lk 17:5-6)
 - “Now faith [pistis] is the substance [hupostatis] of things hoped [elpizo] for, the evidence [elegchos] of things not seen.” (Heb 11:1)
 - “And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb.” (Rom 4:19)
- Good mature character: discipline, patience, perseverance, humility, trust in God, waiting on God
- Intimacy with the Father and the Son
 - “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” (1Cor 1:9)
 - “truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.” (1Jn 1:3)
 - “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” (Jn 14:21)
 - “how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)” (Eph 3:3-4)
 - “that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed [summorphoo] to His death” (Phil 3:10)
 - “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed [summorphos] to the image of His Son” (Rom 8:29)
 - “For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” (2Cor 4:6)
 - “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror [katoptrizo] the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.” (2Cor 3:18)
- Seeing God’s Kingdom

- “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” (Matt 5:8)
 - “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (Jn 3:3)
 - “and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (Eph 2:6)
- Living Water flowing out
 - “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow [rheo] rivers of living water.” (Jn 7:38)
- Loved Poured into hearts
 - “Now hope does not disappoint [kataischuno], because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” (Rom 5:5)
- Filled with Joy and Peace
 - “for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” (Rom 14:17)
- Abounding in Hope, confident expectation
 - “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Rom 15:13)
- Repentance – change direction
 - “work out your own salvation with fear [phobos] and trembling” (Phil 2:12)
 - “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift [dorea] of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38)
 - “but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent [metanoeo], turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.” (Acts 26:20)
 - “Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left [aphekas] your first [protos] love...Remember therefore from where [pothen] you have fallen; repent and do the first works” (Rev 2:4,5)
- Pre-occupation with doing God’s will
 - “for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.” (Phil 2:13)
 - “that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding” (Col 1:9)
 - “Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.” (Matt 7:21)
 - “And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.” (1Jn 2:17)
 - “So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.” (Lk 14:33)
 - “And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.” (Lk 14:27)
 - “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Rom 12:2)
 - “the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling” (Eph 1:18)
 - “Then they said to Him, What shall we do, that we may work the works of God? Jesus answered and said to them, This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.” (Jn 6:28-29)
 - “Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.” (Jn 4:34)
 - “how you turned [epistrepho] to [pros] God from idols to serve [douleuo] the living and true God” (1Thes 1:9)
 - “Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.” (Acts 16:10)
 - “Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden [koluo] by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia.” (Acts 16:6)
 - “they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit [eao] them.” (Acts 16:7)
- Breaking the lordship of sin and experiencing greater freedom over sin
 - “For sin shall not have dominion [kurieuo] over you, for you are not under law but under grace.” (Rom 6:14)
 - “And you shall know the truth [aletheia], and the truth [aletheia] shall make you free [eleutheroo]...Therefore if the Son makes you free [eleutheroo], you shall be free [eleutheros] indeed.” (Jn 8:32,36)
 - “to proclaim liberty to the captives...to set at liberty those who are oppressed” (Lk 4:18)
 - “For you, brethren, have been called to liberty [eleutheria]; only do not use liberty [eleutheria] as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” (Gal 5:13)

- Hoy Spirit Fruit:
 - “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering [makrothumia], kindness [chrestotes], goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.” (Gal 5:22-23)
 - “But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.” (Matt 9:36)
 - “And be kind [chrestos] to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” (Eph 4:32)
 - “Love suffers long and is kind [chresteuomai]” (1Cor 13:4)
 - “For He is kind [chrestos] to the unthankful and evil.” (Lk 6:35)
 - “if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious [chrestos]. (1Pet 2:3)
 - “Or do you despise the riches of His goodness [chrestotes], forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness [chrestos] of God leads you to repentance?” (Rom 2:4)
 - “Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous” (1Pet 3:8)
 - “Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus” (Rom 15:5)
- Personal priority to read the Bible
 - “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate [hagah] in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” (Josh 1:8)
 - “Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes” (Deut 17:18-19)
 - “For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (2Pet 1:8)
 - “being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Col 1:10)
 - “but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2Pet 3:18)
 - “that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death” (Phil 3:10)
 - “by which, when you read, you may understand [noeo] my knowledge in the mystery [musterion] of Christ” (Eph 3:4)
 - “Go therefore and make disciples [matheteuo] of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching [didasko] them to observe [tereo] all things that I have commanded you” (Matt 28:19,20)
 - “Sanctify them by **Your** truth. Your word is truth.” (Jn 17:17)
 - “And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.” (Jn 17:19)
 - “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom” (Col 3:16)
- Personal priority to pray – we teach you how to pray effectively and powerfully
 - “pray without ceasing” (1Thes 5:17)
 - “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.” (Lk 11:1)
 - “For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. In this manner, therefore, pray” (Matt 6:8,9)
 - “Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” (Rom 8:27)
 - “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” (Rom 8:26)
 - “For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, Abba, Father.” (Rom 8:15)
 - “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” (1Cor 1:9)
 - “truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.” (1Jn 1:3)
 - “for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek [ekzeteo] Him.” (Heb 11:6)
- Dangers of the world
 - “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” (1Jn 2:15)
 - “For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.” (1Jn 2:16)

- “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed [metamorphousthe] by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Rom 12:2)
 - “among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts [epithumia] of our flesh, fulfilling the desires [thelema] of the flesh and of the mind” (Eph 2:3)
 - “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.” (Jn 15:18)
 - “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” (Jn 16:33)
 - “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.” (1Jn 5:4)
 - “I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.” (Jn 17:14)
- Awareness of the devil and the practices of resisting and overcoming the devil
 - Handling the spiritual weapons
 - “For the weapons of our warfare [strateia] are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds” (2Cor 10:4)
 - Applying the armor
 - “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles [methodeia] of the devil.” (Eph 6:11) -- Wiles [methodeia=trickery, deceit] are meant to cause Christians to fall...
 - “lest Satan should take advantage [pleonekteo] of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices [noema].” (2Cor 2:11) noema = thoughts, intentions
 - “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.” (1Pet 5:8-9)
 - “I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.” (1Jn 2:14)
 - Stand...Withstand...Stand...Stand... (Eph 6:10,11,13,14)
 - “nor give place [topos] to the devil.” (Eph 4:27)
- Discernment / godly wisdom / spiritual understanding
 - “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Rom 12:2)
 - “But solid food belongs to those who are of full age [teleios], that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern [diakrisis] both good and evil.” (Heb 5:14)
 - “do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding” (Col 1:9)
 - “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him” (Eph 1:17)
 - “the eyes of your understanding being enlightened” (Eph 1:18)
 - “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.” (Jm 3:17)
- Ultimately to enjoy abundant life in Christ
 - “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” (Jn 10:10)
 - “nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.” (1Tim 6:17)
 - “Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” (Neh 8:10)
 - “For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.” (1Tim 4:8)
 - “though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory” (1Pet 1:8)
 - “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power [dunamis] of the Holy Spirit.” (Rom 15:13)
 - “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” (Rom 5:5)
- Produce lasting fruit
 - “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give [didomi] you.” (Jn 15:16)
 - “For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (2Pet 1:8)
 - “And let our people also learn [manthano] to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.” (Tit 3:14)

- “being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Col 1:10)
- “who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.” (Tit 2:14)
- “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matt 5:16)
- “in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works” (Tit 2:7)
- Edify and elevate others
 - Christian leadership equips and provides doctrinal stability, as well as edifies and elevates...
 - “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Eph 4:12)
 - “from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” (Eph 4:16)
 - “in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.” (Phil 2:3)
 - “in honor giving preference to one another” (Rom 12:10)
 - “Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.” (Rom 15:2)
 - “Let no one seek [zeteo] his own [heautou], but each one the other’s well-being.” (1Cor 10:24)
 - “For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Lord gave us for edification and not for your destruction” (2Cor 10:8)
 - “Let all things be done for edification.” (1Cor 14:28)
- Gift of Suffering (Phil 1:29)
 - “For to you it has been granted [charizomai] on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake” (Phil 1:29)
 - “Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial [purosos] which is to try [peirasmos] you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.” (1Pet 4:12-13)
 - “In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials [peirasmos], that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ” (1Pet 1:6-7)
 - “But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials [peirasmos].” (Lk 22:28)
 - “We must through many tribulations [thlipsis] enter the kingdom of God.” (Acts 14:22)
 - “And not only that, but we also glory [kauchaomai=boast] in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” (Rom 5:3-5)
 - “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials [peirasmos], knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.” (Jm 1:2-4)
 - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation [thlipsis], that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble [thlipsis], with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” (2Cor 1:3-4)
 - “But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered [pascho] a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.” (1Pet 5:10)
 - “that **you may be counted worthy** of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer [pascho]” (2Thes 1:5)
 - “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered [pascho] for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow [epakoloutheo] His steps” (1Pet 2:21)
- Strong in Grace
 - “You therefore, my son, be strong [endunamoo] in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.” (2Tim 2:1)
 - “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength [dunamis] is made perfect in weakness [astheneia]. Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities [astheneia], that the power [dunamis] of Christ may rest upon me.” (2Cor 12:9)
 - “But may the God of all grace [charis], who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.” (1Pet 5:10)