

Lesson 184 Explore Discipleship

What does discipleship mean to you? Explore the many facets of disciples and discipleship. Scour the leading edge. Pull it all together and see, then follow My leading. Discipleship is eternal and it is ethereal too! Work hard to be called My disciple. And know that it takes discipline too! Therefore explore the many facets of discipleship. That is all for now, go in peace.

Introduction

For today's lesson we are going to examine discipleship. The Lord has declared that there are many facets to discipleship that He does in fact want us to explore. He said it like this, **What does discipleship mean to you? Explore the many facets of disciples and discipleship.** In today's message He encouraged us to scour or search the leading edge in order to pull everything together as it relates to discipleship and to then follow His instructions or you could say to then apply them to our life. Therefore much of today's lesson will be focused on the leading edge as per the Lord's command.

Let's begin by examining the elements of discipleship that the Lord made note of today when He said that **discipleship is eternal and ethereal too!** The definitions of these words should help us commence this journey. They are as follows:

Disciple:

-any follower of Christ

-a person who is a pupil or an adherent of the doctrines of another; follower

Eternal:

-having no beginning and no end in time: lasting forever

-existing at all times, always true or valid

Ethereal:

-of or relating to the regions beyond the earth

-celestial, heavenly

-unworldly, spiritual

Hence we will begin our study of **discipleship** through the words above. You remember that the Lord declared that **discipleship** with Him is **eternal and ethereal**; and then after review of the meanings above, I believe this means that as His disciple we will follow Christ forevermore even into the heavenly, spiritual realm. This in fact has been confirmed throughout the bible especially in passages like these when Jesus said in:

Matthew 10:32 *“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.”*

Which when you put it together with this in,

John 14:1-4 *Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.”*

John 14:6 *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”*

Therefore when you put these together it is showing that Jesus very clearly believed that there was life after death. For example, from the book of Matthew when He was talking to the Sadducees about resurrection, He said this to them about the resurrection of the dead:

Matthew 22:29-32 *Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven. But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.”*

What Jesus was teaching them is that there is life after death. He was telling them that even though Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had died they are still alive with the Lord. And finally here are several more verses from Luke and John that help to complete the picture:

Luke 24:38-43 *And He said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a*

spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, “Have you any food here?” So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence.

John 20:24-29 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!” Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving but believing.” And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God.” Jesus said to him. “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

What Jesus taught us through these passages and through His appearances after the cross, what they did was, teach us or prove to us that, there is life after death. Therefore discipleship with Him, being a follower or adherent of Christ, and to His teachings, this will bring the eternal and ethereal to us through our belief in Him. And when we scour or search the leading edge in this regard, this is what we find:

Of the eternal/forever the Lord most recently has said,

05/20/14 - I Love you with everlasting eternal Love. My Beloved.

05/23/14 - What I say stands forever.

05/28/14 - I AM with you always and forever.

06/02/14 - Think eternal.

06/24/14 - You are mine always and forever.

06/26/14 - Forever mine. Wait on Me. Set your eyes on Me.

07/01/14 - Write the words I give, They are true, They are meant for those with listening ears, Unbreakable...My bond with you, Forever, Feel My warmth, All things renewed.

07/07/14 - I restore the dead so that they may have eternal life.

07/16/14 - Be forever in Me.

07/17/14 - You are mine. Never doubt. Be not anxious. Stay calm. Wait on Me. Believe. Trust that I will do what I said. Stay in Me. You will overcome. Your mind. Present. Your heart. Making all connections. Staff forever. Get in line with what I am doing.

07/24/14 - Know the temporal (concerned with the present life, worldly) and the eternal (forever), understand the difference.

07/25/14 - I AM with you always and forever. Capture the moment. Live in My realm. True and tried My Beloved.

07/29/14 - Forever peace.

07/30/14 - The storm rages on/ lie down in green pastures/ be forever in My peace.

07/30/14 - One in your God Jesus. Momentum has a starting point. Practice makes perfect. The will of your God Jesus brought forth. Excellence on stage. My Beloved. Determined. Keep focus. Nail it down. Wedding bells. I Love you always and forever.

08/04/14 - Heart, sing, joy, promise forever kept.

08/05/14 - Forever more My peace child/ delete wrongs, delete them/ belong only to Me, forever in My peace.

And of the ethereal/spiritual the Lord most recently has said:

06/29/14 - Maximize your potential. I said how? And I heard, Expand. And then I heard Increase, power, strength. Then He said, work the things of the Spirit and in the spiritual realm. See it, I will show you. And then He said, practice, more prayer-time. Get into the spiritual realm, that is the real world. Where everything happens. If you work and get things done in the spiritual realm it will be easy in the physical realm. Get with My agenda. I work in the spiritual realm to make things work in the physical.

06/30/14 - Central core; on Me; focused; eyes sharp; ready for battle; prepared mentally, physically, spiritually.

07/12/14 - Prime time with Me; zero in; see all I give; spiritual eyes; on alert; let not man blur; revelations being revealed; receive full spectrum; all, get it all.

07/14/14 - On Board All who will. Each must choose. Accomplish the will of your God Jesus for it takes action. Movement in the physical and Spiritual. See the connection. Acts of Apostles. Knowledge is gained. Understanding given. Wisdom of your God Jesus walk in.

07/18/14 - Many things are going on in the spiritual realm. Look to the North, West, South, East and know that My times are at hand.

07/19/14 - I AM leading and guiding My Beloved. Actions pave the way. See and do. Each action moves Spiritual and physical. Keep track of all. Make list. Actions do. Flowchart shows the way.

07/21/14 - Scrubbed; break through; see; see in tandem; spiritual and physical; see; I have spoken; careful rejoicing; give enemy no room.

07/22/14 - Prepare My feast; eat as I say eat; spiritual food; true sustenance; only what I put before you; careful; be not duped; stay at My table; drink of My waters; come, be thou renewed.

07/26/14 - Aware; deal as a unit; fine tuned; senses alert; spiritual senses; highest level.

07/26/14 - Be blinded to the natural so you may see in the spiritual.

07/28/14 - The Lord's spiritual army is being brought forth.

07/31/14 - I Am begetting many things; much is transpiring; much, much, much; spiritual conception, spiritual birthing, all taking place at the same time.

In today's message the Lord encouraged us to explore the many facets of discipleship. He told us that we were to **scour the leading edge. Pull it all together and see, and then follow My leading.** Therefore we began this pursuit by studying the elements of discipleship, that the Lord made note of today when He said that **discipleship is eternal and ethereal too!** And what we have gathered thus far in our study is that being a disciple of Christ, this choice of belief, it does not cease with our last breath but it continues on with us into the forever of eternity. It goes with us when we transition from this physical realm into the spiritual realm.

What we have learned thus far is that Christ's love and His peace, they last forever. He means what He says when He says it, what He says stands, in other words, He keeps His promises. But we also learned that the physical and the spiritual are connected and here's the kicker - the real world is that of the spiritual realm not the physical realm. The time we spend here on planet earth is just a drop in the bucket when you compare it to eternity with Him.

Basically what we have learned thus far is that we are preparing for the spiritual realm while we are here in the physical. We prepare by keeping our focus on the Lord, by eating the "spiritual" food He gives us and finally He taught us that actions pave the way (i.e. walking out the Lord's direction), they not only move things spiritually but they move us towards the ethereal as well. These are the steps we have learned thus far. As we proceed through the remaining portion of today's lesson we will continue to explore the many facets of discipleship.

The Work

In today's message the Lord told us to **Work hard to be called My disciple.** This message ties right in with the message from the preceding section that taught us that we are to keep our focus on the Lord, eating the "spiritual" food he gives, but we also learned that actions pave the way. So as we move forward through this section of the lesson we will **scour the leading edge** to learn more about working hard to be called His disciples. Here are just a few entries that might offer insight into this:

10/08/13 - Be kind to one another...gentle, That you may know Me, When will you see what I have for you, Be patient...be kind...be gentle, That is the way of My disciples.

05/02/14 - Kingdom prerequisites followed correctly/ My Bride moves in My correct patterns, continue to teach My ways/ This fellowship is pleasing to Me/ Continue to go forth and make disciples of Me.

05/13/14 - My will is being done in your life by your meeting with Me as you are/ Never doubt the efficiency of Our meetings My will is being done/ You desire to meet with Me as never before/ We are one, bonded together legally, spiritually, physically, you are Mine and I am yours....I can dwell here in your midst because you allow Me/ Oh how few really enjoy Me and truly seek Me for Me, how the world would change if they ever learned true love of Me....True disciples you are; continue to go forth in Me

06/08/14 - Adorn yourself with Me, My likeness and My character. It is enough for the servant to be like His master. (Matthew 10:25 *It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord.*)

06/09/14 - My arms are reaching out to you. Do as I do. Apply this to your daily life.

07/02/14 - Know I Am with you; I Am with you; receive Holy Instruction; shudder not; My disciples shudder not.

07/19/14 - Overstep not; follow My guidance, My instructions.

07/19/14 - Write it down, read it, learn it, live it daily.

07/21/14 - Don't get stuck, The past is the past, Always moving forward, I give the instructions needed.

07/22/14 - Follow only My instructions; recognize and refuse all things false.

07/24/14 - Obey My instructions to live.

07/30/14 - Seek My guidance and direction, move in My Will. All is in My powers, My control, just step out in faith.

08/02/14 - Work as never before; complete My tasks given; just cause; purpose in each task. attend to My works; My people.... Take My people into My white; clean them up; bring them to My purity; I want all to experience My white; become embolden; come; so much work to be accomplished;

08/04/14 – Daily, Do as I say. You will see. All I have for you.

08/04/14 - Now follow instructions carefully.

08/04/14 - Let's work; be My earthly eyes.

08/05/14 - In full strength carry out assignments I have prepared for you/ Murmur not nor complain each must carry out what I have given/ Be thankful I have chosen you for My purposes/ Collectively there is no task you cannot handle (thought of the doctors in all white who were trained and could handle anything) Doctors you are sent out into the land to make My name known and work My works/ See the need, fill the need. This is true love/ Love all in full measure.

08/05/14 - My Bride, My Bride, walk circumspect; stalwart in this; must be; cower not; I AM with you; you have allowed it so; work, yet completely aware; be caught not unaware

08/06/14 - Genuine disciple (ship)/ crossover.

Therefore the Lord is instructing us to adorn ourselves in His character, in His likeness. He is instructing us to walk in His correct patterns, to follow His will, His instructions daily, by being attentive to detail. This is just a small sample of the type of “work hard”

instructions that He lays out for us. But what He also taught us in the above messages is that, we are only able to move forward in this, after we have spent time meeting with Him.

However it must be said that when it comes to that “work hard” type of message, Paul sent several letters out to his fellow believers that spoke similarly as noted in these passages below:

1 Corinthians 3:9-15 *For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder, I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw-- each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

1 Corinthians 15:58 *Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

Colossians 1:9-10 *And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.*

In both today’s message as well as in the bible verses above, the Lord is teaching us that we have to, “Work hard to be called His disciple.” What He taught us is that if we will be attentive to detail, He will provide the instruction and guidance to lead us along the way. But that does not eliminate or diminish the need that requires us to be putting forth effort on our part as noted below:

07/18/14 - Faith without works is dead, therefore, put for the effort, remember give it your all.

07/20/14 - Walk in your calling. Each has been chosen; Intricate; Each part crucial. Effort required. Keep it going. Chosen for purpose. Stay focused.

07/27/14 - Give Me time and effort on your part I want to spend time with you/ You must keep Me 1st/ I am the head and not the tail and must be treated as so.

07/30/14 - Work timely, efficiently; justly; follow all My protocols; forget not; conscious efforts; let them increase; no effort allows decrease; My Bride must increase; abundant rate; with no doubt; it must be; now, see to it.

08/02/14 - My lower lights are burning; carry out My assignments; complete; waste not time; much to do; urgent, waste not time or effort.

08/04/14 - give Me effort; lots of effort;

This idea of putting forth effort has been spoken of in the bible as well, for example, Paul said this to the Colossians:

Colossians 3:23-24 *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.*

Therefore, instruction, guidance, effort, being attentive to detail, walking in His correct patterns, and learning to follow His will, these are all important elements in discipleship for today.

Discipline

In the last section of the lesson we learned that we have to put forth effort or “**work hard**” in order to move forward in discipleship. The final element we will study today comes through these words of the Lord, when He said:

And know that it takes discipline too! Therefore explore the many facets of discipleship.

Consequently, this section of the lesson will be focused on discipline. Now when Paul was speaking to the people of Corinth he shared this sentiment (of discipline) with them. It goes like this:

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 *Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight not as one who beats the air but I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.*

His words brought us right back to the idea of discipline didn't they? I guess this is because the definition of discipline reads like this:

Discipline:

- training to act in accordance with rules, drills
- activity, exercise, or a regimen that develops or improves a skill; training
- behavior in accord with rules of conduct; behavior and order maintained by training and control.

What Paul said then was that he brings his body into subjection or in other words he gets himself under control, i.e. by following through with similar behaviors as those noted above, like being attentive to detail, walking in His correct patterns, and learning to follow the Lord's will. But Paul continued speaking of discipline when he spoke with the Romans.

Romans 8:12-13 *Therefore brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body you will live.*

And when he sent his letter to the young pastor Titus, he said this in:

Titus 1:5-9 *This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you-- if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.*

And finally when Peter wrote to believers he said this:

2 Peter 1:5-8 *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.*

And to the two listeners the Lord has said this regarding discipline:

January 6th God Calling - You must pray. The way will open. God cares and His plans unfold. Just love and wait. Love is the key. No door is too difficult for it to open. What cause have you to fear? Has He not cared for and protected you? Hope on. Hope gladly. Hope with certainty. Be calm, calm in My Power.

Never neglect these times, pray and read your Bible and train and discipline yourself. That is your work - Mine to use you. But My instruments must be sharp and ready. Then I use them. Discipline and perfect yourselves at all costs. Do this for soon every fleeting thought will be answered, every wish gratified, every deed used. It is a fearful Power, a mighty Power. Oh! be careful that you ask nothing amiss - nothing that is not according to My Spirit.

All thoughts harmful must be turned out. See how necessary I have made the purity and goodness of your own lives to you. Soon, you shall ask and at once it will come. Welcome the training. Without it I dare not give you this Power. Do not worry about other's lives. You must perfect yourselves first in My Strength.

What this tells us is that discipline is all important. We must be diligent to perfect ourselves at all costs. In our current Rhema word, the Lord continued with this:

11/30/13 - Omnipresent I am/ I am with you each presently/ I love to spend time with My Beloved/ You all hold dear and true to My heart/ Continue to meet with Me in this way Our intimacy continues to grow/ Our fellowship well pleasing in My sight/ Teach others to meet with Me in this same way I want fellowship with them as well/ Teach of My ways/ My ways are truth, purity, perfect holiness/ The world must learn of My ways/ My disciples you are because you continue in My word/ Pruned you are ready to bring forth fruit the time is now/ Go forth and disciple all nations that I send you too/ The Bride's ministry is here how glorious it is/ You were all chosen for this specific period in time/ Go forth and do great things in My name/ Greater things than have been previously seen all because of your obedience to My commands (discipline).

01/31/14 - Where will it end? That is for Me to know. Yours is to carry on one day at a time, trusting Me to take care of all your needs. A disciple worries not, for he knows all things are in My control. Have faith like a child who knows that His father has everything under control and can meet his every need. I can meet everyone's need. Fear not little ones I AM coming soon. Makes yourself hid.

02/18/14 - Focus must remain on Me at all times I have work for each which needs to be carried out this is not to be taken lightly/ Listen for instruction I will make known what each needs to do/ No guess work, must be done precisely according to My example/ Keep self out there is no room for self in My work, self must be turned out/ Keep focus forward no time to be looking back always progress/ Lift each other often offer support in love/ My disciples you are.

04/01/14 - Fear not, although you may stumble along the way, you will make your destination. No self-doubt, self-doubt gives the enemy a toe hold. Shut the doors and batten down the hatches. Keep the enemy out. Pure, I AM looking for pure, yielded, in humility, putting others before self. Combine that with the faith of a little child and you have a recipe for a disciple. Think on this. Have no fear. Stand strong in what you know. You know we have already won.

04/24/14 - Wait for My lead, This takes discipline...to wait for My timing and instruction, Everyone is being prepared.

05/12/14 - Control of thoughts. Harness the beauty. Next level thinking. Higher level time and season. Thoughts and words interconnected. Think on this. Purity purity. Thoughts and purity come from discipline. Beauty of thought builds. I have given free will. Choose thoughts wisely. Beautiful thought. Beautiful mind. Positive momentum. Keep it going.

05/17/14 - Disciplined life. My Beloved on track. Side issues focus not. Keep focus on the target.

05/20/14 - Good choices lead to good results. Stay focused on Me and keep making good choices. Choose what you know is right. This may or may not be what you want, but choose what you know is right. This is not always easy. It takes self-control and self-discipline, however, it leads to good results and it is well worth the effort. Meet with Me regularly, read and study. This is what is right. Don't be choked out by the distractions of this world. Focus on what is right and make the right choices.

05/23/14 - Beware distractions, Keep on track, Discipline...discipline...discipline.

06/04/14 - Intense passion and discipline is needed to perfect My ways.

07/13/14 - Next level thinking. Expect more. Learning all the way. Disciplined life wins the race.

07/30/14 - Without action against evil, its increase will happen; leave no toe-holds; none; be diligent in this matter; leave no openings for enemy usage; work timely, efficiently; justly; follow all My protocols; forget not; conscious efforts.

08/02/14 - My plan is coming together piece by piece continue to follow instruction at My guidance. Pay attention to the details.

After comparing spiritual to spiritual (the bible, the two listeners, to the current Rhema word) what we can see, is that **it takes discipline too**, to walk in discipleship. What we are learning then is that we are pilgrims walking a new path. And as noted above it is the path of discipleship:

January 11th God Calling - At the moment you are pilgrims and need only your daily marching orders, and strength and guidance for the day. Oh! Listen to My Voice, eagerly, joyfully. Never crowd it out. I have no rival claimants and if men seek the babble of the world, then I withdraw.

Life has hurt you. Only scarred lives can really save. You cannot escape the discipline. It is the hallmark of discipleship. My children, trust Me always. Never rebel.

Summation

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follow His leading. Therefore we began this pursuit by studying the elements of discipleship, that the Lord made note of today when He said that **discipleship is eternal and ethereal too!** And what we have gathered from our study is that being a disciple of Christ, this choice does not cease with our last breath but it continues on with us into the forever of eternity. It goes with us when we transition from this physical realm into the spiritual realm.

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What does discipleship mean to you? Explore the many facets of disciples and discipleship. Scour the leading edge. Pull it all together and see, then follow My leading. Discipleship is eternal and it is ethereal too! Work hard to be called My disciple. And know that it takes discipline too! Therefore explore the many facets of discipleship. That is all for now, go in peace.

And finally in closing here is an important message about discipleship that the Lord delivered to the two listeners. It kind of ties together and speaks of the purpose of all that we have learned today. It goes like this:

January 2nd God Calling - You are to help to save others. Never let one day pass when you have not reached out an arm of Love to someone outside your home - a note, a letter, a visit, help in some way.

Be full of Joy. Joy saves. Joy cures. Joy in Me. In every ray of sunlight, every smile, every act of kindness, or love, every trifling service - joy.

Each day do something to lift another soul out of the sea of sin, or disease or doubt into which man has fallen. I still walk today by the lakeside and call My Disciples to follow Me and to become fishers of men.

The helping hand is needed that raises the helpless to courage, to struggle, to faith, to health. Love. Laugh. Love and laughter are the beckoners to faith and courage. Trust on, love on, joy on.

Refuse to be downcast. Refuse to be checked in your upward climb. Love and laugh. I am with you. I bear your burdens. Cast your burden upon Me and I will sustain thee. And then in very lightheartedness you turn and help another with the burden that is pressing too heavily upon him or her.

How many burdens can you lighten this year? How many hearts can you cheer? How many souls can you help? And in giving you gain: "Good measure, pressed down, and running over." I your Lord have said it.

Isn't this the path of discipleship we are to walk on, to follow Him. And here are several more bible passage that shed some more light on our path of discipleship.

Mark 10:44-45 *"And whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

Mark 12:28-34 *Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment of all?" Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him.*

1 Peter 4:10-11 *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

May the Lord bless you as you walk in this!
Blessings,
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