



## **THE GOOD FIGHT CHURCH BACKGROUND & VISION**

Initially a non-profit ministry focused on helping people overcome life-controlling problems through restoration groups, The Good Fight Ministry grew to 4 group locations with 6 meetings each week—over 600 people a month were seeking to restore their lives. Seeing a need for deeper discipleship to continue the growth people received through the restoration groups, The Good Fight Church (TGFC) was planted in February 2015. Driven by a desire to be His Hands and Feet as we daily take up our cross alongside each other, we are a fellowship under the headship of Jesus Christ, and we follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit in all phases of life. TGFC believes Christ is the center of life change and the local church is the hope of the world.

We aim to make disciples through Christ-centered worship, service, and community by focusing on the Head, Hands, and Heart. The Head is all about Jesus, the Hands direct our focus to embodying Christ's character in our community, and the Heart centers on each of us allowing God to restore even our deepest wounds. We're not looking for a momentary sensation, but a lifetime of authentic healing in a growing community of support and accountability—a legacy of Kingdom-building that outlasts us all.

## **COVENANT MEMBERSHIP**

Covenant Membership is about committing to a spiritual family that provides encouragement and support. That family is called to a biblical degree of responsibility, service, and sacrifice. The leadership of TGFC pledge to assist our Covenant Members with care, counsel, prayer, and discipleship. Accountability is at the center of membership—we are a family. We love and honor each other. We roll up our sleeves and dig deep. We're honest about our dirt and the restorative process by which He makes our hearts new. We are being pruned alongside each other, we grow, and we bear fruit in Him. We don't turn away from each other when the storms come; we find refuge in Him while we stay in the boat—together. We set ourselves at His Feet and embrace His Truth and Love. This is the covenant we share.

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## THE GOOD FIGHT CHURCH MISSION & VISION

### **Mission**

To make disciples through Christ-centered worship, service, and community.

### **Vision**

To focus on the Head, the Hands, and the Heart.

### **What is Worship?**

Worship is constant in all aspects of our lives. Each of our thoughts, words, desires, and actions are our opportunities to glorify God. Worship is not just done on Sundays at a church building, but in every moment we have. **1 Corinthians 10:31, Colossians 3:17**

### **What is Service?**

The church is not meant to go inward, but outward. As the body of Christ, we must emulate what Christ did and humble ourselves to serve others. **John 13:15-16, Titus 3:14**

### **What is Community?**

We worship a Triune God which is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We recognize this as communal. Since we are created in His image, we are called to reflect this community. Christianity is not a religion but a personal relationship with Jesus that is meant to be shared with the world. This means to be Christian, we must have a relationship with God and with others. The local church is not a place to attend but a place to belong. This is the context for discipleship. We have three main types of community: Academic Groups, Restoration Groups, and Connection Groups. These communities help us focus on healing the wounded heart. **Acts 2:42-47, Hebrews 3:12-13, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Romans 15:6**

### **What does the Head mean in our vision?**

We believe that Jesus is the Head of our Church. Focusing on the Head is all about knowing who Jesus is. In order to know Jesus, we must believe He is Who He says He is. We can do this through discipleship, particularly by providing and seeking out healthy learning environments. This can be Bible studies, book studies, or any environment that helps strengthen our knowledge of Christ and grow in an academic arena.

### **What do the Hands mean in our vision?**

The Hands refer to the people. The church is not a building but the people inside of it. It all starts with a relationship with Jesus and relationships with others. This form of discipleship can be done with connection groups, outreach, and anything that helps strengthen our relationship with Jesus and others. The Hands compliment the head by being the action behind our knowledge of Who Jesus is.

### **What does the Heart mean in our vision?**

We believe in total depravity, which is Man's natural condition apart from the grace given by God that redeems us. Because of the fall of Man, we are born into sin. This being our natural state, we all have a wounded heart at some level. When we accept Jesus into our hearts, we no longer are held captive by our sin; however, our heart (although redeemed) has been wounded from our past. The "Heart" part of our vision is all about restoring our hearts so we may guard our transformation and not let the wounds of our past creep back into our lives. This form of discipleship can be done through Restoration Groups at TGFC. These groups are a systematic approach to the sanctification God desires for our lives. When we can overcome our past wounds, our emotional and spiritual lives have a larger capacity to grow.

## THE GOOD FIGHT CHURCH BELIEFS

### **Statement of Basic Beliefs**

The Gospel is the hope of the world. As we read the Scriptures, we see the overarching themes of God's providence, power, and provision to reconcile mankind and the created world to Himself through the person and work of Jesus Christ. In light of this, we aim to be explicitly Gospel-centered in all that we preach, teach, and practice.

### **The Bible**

We believe the Bible is the inerrant Word of God, divinely inspired in its original words, containing all that there is to know concerning the nature and character of God, the sinfulness of man, and the plan of redemption God has revealed in His Son, Jesus Christ. **2 Timothy 3:16**

### **The Trinity**

We believe and teach that there is but one living and true God (**Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:5-7; 1 Corinthians 8:6**), an infinite, all-knowing Spirit (**John 4:24**), perfect in all His attributes, one in essence, eternally existing in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (**John 3:16, Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14**)—each equally deserving worship and obedience.

### **Salvation**

We understand that salvation is wholly of God by grace on the basis of the redemption of Jesus Christ, the merit of His shed blood, and not on the basis of human merit or works. **John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-9; 1 Peter 1:18-19**

### **The Holy Spirit**

We teach that it is the work of the Holy Spirit to execute the divine will with relation to all mankind. We recognize His sovereign activity in creation (**Genesis 1:2**), the incarnation (**Matthew 1:18**), the written revelation (**2 Peter 1:20-21**), and the work of salvation (**John 3:5-6, Acts 1:5**).

### **Baptism**

Baptism is symbolic of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Once we have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior, baptism is a way for us to publicly declare our new life in Christ. It is also an act of obedience based on God's commands and allows us to follow the example of Jesus, who submitted Himself to baptism to "fulfill all righteousness." **Matthew 3:16-17, 28:18-20, Acts 2:41, 8:12**

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## CORE VALUES

- We will be authentic. Healing only begins when we remove the masks.
- We will live by example. You may be the only bible someone ever reads.
- We will step out in faith and out of our comfort zone. God will grow us when we listen and obey.
- We will be teachable and coachable. If you're not swimming, you're sinking. There is always room for growth.
- We will help with excellence. Excellence honors God and inspires others.
- We will do our part for the kingdom. We will go bankrupt if we consume more than we contribute.
- We give from our heart. Time and money are better placed when you have a desire and not because you have to.
- We will love God and people. Without these two, we don't have anything.
- We will make tough decisions when called. Sometimes we will have to hurt immediately in order not to harm permanently.
- We will never shy away from the Truth. A lot has changed in 2000 years, but Jesus is not one of them.
- We are stronger as a family. Jesus surrounded Himself in community and we will follow His lead!

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## THE GOOD FIGHT CHURCH COVENANT MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

### **The Good Fight Church Covenant Church Membership Guidelines**

Any person may offer himself/herself for membership at TGFC. After meeting the guidelines outlined by the TGFC covenant membership, the person will be a covenant member of TGFC.

### **Covenant Memberships Primary Functions**

TGFC covenant is created out of our love for the church body and its individual members whom we hope will experience the fullness of joy which is found in the presence of Christ. The primary purpose of this covenant is to serve as a teaching document with these functions:

- To clarify the biblical obligations and expectations for both the leadership team of TGFC and the individual members of TGFC
- To have a clear statement of our beliefs
- To serve as a tool for reflection and growth toward our mission and vision
- To serve as a launching point for each member's spiritual and emotional growth
- A pledge to be a functioning member of the body

### **Guidelines for Covenant Membership at The Good Fight Church**

- By profession of faith, followed with baptism
- Attend the covenant membership class for knowledge of beliefs, mission, and vision of the church
- Regular, consistent attendance
- Giving, including tithing and contribution of time (**Matthew 6:19-23**)

### **What is a covenant?**

A covenant is generally defined as a "written agreement or promise, usually under seal between two or more parties, especially for the performance of some action" (Merriam-Webster). The Bible speaks of formal relationships inside the local church and uses the concept of a covenant. Within the Scriptures, we find a number of examples of covenants, some between God and man (**Genesis 6, 9, 15; Ezekiel 20; Hosea 2; Jeremiah 31; Matthew 26**), while others are solely between men (**1 Samuel 18:3, 2 Samuel 5:3**). In covenants, the parties bind together to fulfill the purposes, goals, and obligations of the agreement.

### **Why Membership?**

The local church is more than a place or building. The Church is the gathering of the redeemed, the sanctified flock of the Shepherd, the united house of God, the body and bride of Christ, set apart to glorify God in all we do (**Ephesians 3:10**). Commitment of believers to one another is not to be taken lightly. Throughout the Bible, there are profound relationships that exist among those who have been reconciled to God and each other.

The Scriptures call us to love, live in harmony, instruct, greet, comfort, serve, bear the burdens of, forgive, encourage, always seek to do good to, exhort, stir up to love and good works, confess our sins, pray with and for, and show hospitality to one another.

Since inception, the Church universal has been arranged into smaller congregations—this is the local church. Christians believe local churches are essential communities instituted by God for His Glory and our good.

In **1 Corinthians 12**, Paul draws on the imagery of a body as a metaphor for the local church. Not seeming self-sufficient and independent, the apostle upholds a radically countercultural vision of desperate interdependence marked by love, service, humility, and sacrifice.

Membership is not about privilege or prestige. It's not about an inner circle with grander visions of secrets within the church. It's not a legal document or means of control. It is not an approval process to choose and not choose who is a part of the church. It is a guideline for the body of believers, a way to have accountability, and a commitment to the mission and vision of the church. It recognizes and responds to the call of discipleship in the context of community. Having Covenant Membership status is not about perks or privileges. It is about being accountable to the local church and it being accountable to its members. Membership is about strengthening the body of Christ by being the body of Christ.

Christians commit themselves to each other in the context of the local church in many ways. At TGFC, the current guidelines for membership are outlined under "**Guidelines for Covenant Membership at The Good Fight Church**" on page 4.

### **Conclusion**

God calls His people into covenant, not only to Himself but also to each other. He calls us to a life of sacrifice, generosity, service, and radical commitment to the Good of the body. This obligation is best pursued within the context of a particular body—a local church. In light of this reality, membership is not merely a responsibility, but an opportunity to be in covenant with a particular people to live out the Gospel together. It is a pledge to be a part of this local church body and to be accountable as functioning members of such body.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH

### 1. Scriptures

The Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It's a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of errors, for its matter. It is inerrant and infallible in its original manuscript, which is to be taken as verbally inspired. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; therefore, it is and will remain, to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ. **Romans 15:4, 2 Timothy 3:14-17**

### 2. God

God is the only One living and true God, whose subsistence is in and of Himself; infinite and perfect, His essence cannot be comprehended by any but Himself. The most pure Spirit, He never changes and is immense, eternal, incomprehensible, all powerful, most holy, all wise, completely free and absolute, all loving, gracious, merciful, long suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving sin, but also just in His judgments, and hating all sin. We further believe that the one true God is triune, eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections. **Genesis 1, John 1:1-5, Revelation 1:8**

#### a. God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. **Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 45:5-7, 1 Corinthians 8:6**

#### b. God the Son

Christ is the only eternally begotten Son of God the Father. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ, He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and truly became man without ceasing to be God. He perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself the demands and necessities of human nature and identifying Himself completely with mankind (but was without sin). He honored the divine by His personal obedience, and in His death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the Person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into Heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, being of the nature of God and of man, and in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord. **Matthew 16:16-17, John 1:14, John 3:16, Acts 1:9, 1 John 5:12**

#### c. God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son. Through Him, man was enabled to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts of sin and judgment, and leads to righteousness. He calls men to the Savior, and effects regeneration. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. The purpose of spiritual gifts is to edify the church, and He distributes to each believer sovereignty as He wills. The Holy Spirit hears and answers the prayer of faith for the sick and the afflicted when it is in accordance with His will, although it is not always His will to heal the infirmity, as in the case of the apostle Paul. The Holy Spirit also seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the assurance of God to bring the believer into the fullness of Christ. He enlightens and empowers believers and the church in worship, evangelism, and service. **Genesis 1:2, Acts 1:5, 1 Corinthians 2:12-13, 2 Peter 1:20-21**



### 3. Man

Man was created by God in His own image, and is the crowning work of His creation. In the beginning, man was innocent of sin and was endowed by His Creator with freedom of choice. By this free will, man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan, Adam transgressed the command of God and fell from his original innocence; in this sin, all the human race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God. Man is totally depraved, inclined to sin, and, of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. Only the grace of God can bring man into His fellowship and enable man to do His will as revealed in the Word. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every man possesses dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love. **Genesis 1:26-27, Genesis 1:31, Genesis 3:4-6, Matthew 22:39, Romans 3:23-24, 1 John 3:11, 1 John 4:20-21, 1 John 5:12**

### 4. Salvation

Salvation involves the redemption of man and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense, salvation includes regeneration, sanctification, and glorification. **1 John 5:5**

#### a. Regeneration

Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new in Christ Jesus. It is the beginning of a new, divine life brought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.

Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace. Repentance as presented in the scriptures is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the person to recognize Him as the living Lord and Savior. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Having been justified, the believer has peace with God through Jesus Christ and is adopted into a position of an ambassador for God. **2 Corinthians 5, Romans 6:1-7**

#### b. Sanctification

Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual perfection through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. We will never achieve perfection in this life due to the fall of man. **Romans 8:28-30, Romans 12:2, Colossians 3:1-18, 1 Thessalonians 5:23**

#### c. Glorification

Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed. **Romans 8:30**

### 5. God's Purpose of Grace

Grace is a gift from God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is a glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ and sanctified by His Spirit will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. **Acts 20:24, Ephesians 2, Romans 3:23-24, 2 Timothy 4:7**

## 6. The Church

A New Testament church of Jesus Christ is a local body of believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the two ordinances of Christ (baptism and communion), committed to His teachings, exercising the gifts, and invested in by His Word. Its twofold responsibility is to edify its members through the teaching of the Word and to seek to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth.

TGFC is an autonomous body dedicated to the discernment and execution of the Will of Christ. Members will share the responsibility to make the twofold enactments come to fruition. It is understood that the church will act only when the Will of Christ has been discerned. The discernment will emerge primarily through a study of the Scriptures and prayer; practical wisdom may also be a guide but is secondary to the Scriptures and prayer. God has also placed Pastors and Leaders in the church to aid in the discernment and execution of Christ's Will.

The mission of the church universal is to glorify God by making disciples through the gospel. God's mission and the mission of His church are inseparably linked. If God's mission is to be glorified through the redemption and reconciliation of a people, the Church's mission must orient around the glory of God and seek to glorify Him through redemption and reconciliation. **Acts 1:8, Acts 2:38, Acts 2:42-44, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, 2 Corinthians 5, Ephesians 4:16, Hebrews 10:19-25**

## 7. Baptism

Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to new life in Christ Jesus. This is the next step after believing and professing that Jesus is the Messiah. **Matthew 3:13-17, Acts 1:5, Acts 2:38-41**

## 8. Communion

As with water baptism, Communion is to be observed only by those who have become genuine followers of Christ. This ordinance symbolizes the breaking of Christ's body and the shedding of His blood on our behalf and is to be observed repeatedly throughout the Christian life as a sign of continued participation in the atoning benefits of Christ's death. As we come to the table with an attitude of faith and self-examination, we remember and proclaim the death of Christ, receive spiritual nourishment for our souls, and signify our unity with other members of Christ's body. **Luke 22:14-23, John 6:53-58, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

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## GOVERNING BODY

The Good Fight Church recognizes Jesus Christ as the head of our church, the Holy Spirit as our source of power, and Scripture as the infallible guide in all matters of doctrine, faith, church order, and discipline.

The government of The Good Fight Church is vested in the body of believers who compose it. Persons duly received by the members shall constitute the membership. Every member has a voice in church plans, government, and discipline. The organizational structure consists of the following:

**Church Leadership Team (CLT)** reports to the Lead Pastor of TGFC. The CLT is responsible for overseeing the mission and vision of the church. They help with stewarding church resources and the overall health of the church. **1 Peter 5:1-6**

**Pastors and Staff** are charged with carrying out the mission and vision of the church. The Lead Pastor preaches on a weekly basis and stewards staff members, leaders, volunteers, and people within the church. Staff members and full time volunteers will assist the Pastors with carrying out the mission and vision of TGFC, as well as anything operationally for the church.

**Deacons** act as stewards for Volunteer Leaders and minister to people within the church. Their responsibilities consist of overseeing the people within the church. They steward the health of the people by assisting them in getting where God has called them to be. Deacons help walk people through life struggles by directing them to the best solution. **1 Timothy 3:8-13**

**Volunteer Leaders** are people within the church who serve the church on a consistent basis. Volunteer leaders are background-checked, serve in one or more ministries, and are ambassadors of TGFC. These servant-leaders put the needs of TGFC and others first. Volunteer Leaders report to the Staff and the CLT.

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## EXPECTATIONS FOR CHURCH MEMBERS AND LEADERS

- We will strive to be a direct reflection of Christ and a representative of His church.
- We will love God and others with the same love Christ shows His church. **Matthew 22:37**
- As representatives of the Church, We will not post inappropriate messages on social media. This includes bad language, insinuating sexual undertones, or anything that could draw negative attention to God's church or followers of His Truth. **James 1:18-21**
- We are to be above reproach and a good steward. **Titus 1:6-7, 1 Timothy 3:2, Philippians 2:15**
- We will have attitudes that reflect Christ. That doesn't mean we aren't allowed to have a bad day, but does mean we will try to emulate Christ with our actions and words. **Philippians 2:1-2**
- Be humble, take interest in and build up others in the church, and treat them as you would like to be treated. **Luke 6:31, Philippians 2:3-4**
- Gossip, lying, anger, and talk that is hurtful to others is not tolerated. **Ephesians 4:29, Ephesians 5:4, Colossians 3:8-10, James 3:1-18, Colossians 4:6, Proverbs 19:11, Ecclesiastes 7:9**

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## GROUPS

### **Why do our Groups exist?**

The purpose of getting plugged in to a group can be summed up in one simple word: relationships. God created us to live in relationship with others, and only then can we live the full life He intends for us. Sharing life through community is part of our design, but healthy, meaningful relationships aren't always easy to find. That's why our groups exist—to make these life-changing relationships relevant and accessible to you.

### **What are our Groups about?**

Our groups are an intentional gathering of people where you can connect with others on a regular basis. They may share your interests, be at a similar stage in life, or have experience in an area where you would like coaching.

- **Academic Groups:** Offer discipleship through a learning environment. Through studying books of the Bible or non-fiction literature, these groups deepen our understanding of God's Character, His purposes, and who He calls us to be, thereby enhancing our walk with Christ.
- **Connection Groups:** People within the church doing life together. They offer opportunities to connect with like-minded believers who share common interests.
- **Restoration Groups:** Created for everyone, these form the foundation of our discipleship groups. They encourage individuals to apply a systematic healing process that encourages us to pursue the freedom and hope God intended for us all by overcoming painful obstacles that limit or prevent restoration in our lives. Restoration Groups promote growth and help us achieve healing, teach us how to develop and strengthen our relationship with Christ, and equip us with necessary tools to disciple someone else to do the same.

### **How do you find a Group?**

- Attend Restoration Groups which meet regularly at TGFC
- Engage with others at weekly services
- Ask a volunteer leader, especially if you have a specific need/desire
- Look on the TGFC website: [www.thegoodfight.church/groups](http://www.thegoodfight.church/groups)
- Look on the "Groups" wall in the church building or Welcome Center
- Receive an invitation from someone in a Group at The Good Fight Church

### **How do you become a Group Leader?**

- A leader must be a believer
- Must have been baptized
- Must be a church member
- Must complete a group leader application
- Must be background check approved
- Must complete an interview with a Staff Member
- Must complete Groups Leader Training

### **Further Requirements**

- Adhere to the "Expectations for Church Members and Leaders" (p 10)
- Provide a location for their group to meet
- Recruit people to the group

## GIVING

We serve a giving God. There is nothing more apparent in Scripture than the generosity, grace, and gifts of God. He delights in giving.

Since we are created in His image, strive to be Christ like, and are continually working on conforming to Him, we should delight in giving as He does.

TGFC believes the Bible teaches the tithe as 10%, but we encourage our members to embark in the life we are called to live in a generous manner. By giving, we have an opportunity to proclaim who He is through our generosity by what we can give. Giving energizes our devotion to Christ and frees us from consuming more than we contribute. Generosity is the best way to avoid falling prey to lust of the eyes, and the best way to overcome this is to give wholeheartedly. It provides a way for us to proclaim His sufficiency and provision. If we are to have faith, then we must give faithfully and generously.

As we take part in this chance of giving, here are a few principles to consider:

- **Give Generously:** Consider **2 Corinthians 8-9**. If you want to grasp giving, read those entire chapters thoroughly. This will show radical giving, not just mandated giving.
- **Give Cheerfully:** Give because you want to, not because you will be rewarded. The heart must be free from the lust for appearance. (**Matthew 6:1-4**)
- **Give Sacrificially:** This is the hardest type of giving today because it is inconvenient. The flesh offers excuses and justification on why we shouldn't, but the Gospel says to do otherwise. In **1 John 3:16-17**, the apostle exhorts the Church to care for brothers in need as an overflow and implication of Gospel love, the type of love that lays down one's life for another. Do we actually give to the point that we feel it and the feeling stings? Does the call to take up our cross (**Matthew 16:24-26**) not also carry the charge to lay down our checkbooks, schedules, and self-serving desires?
- **Give Spontaneously:** A heart freed doesn't wait for opportunities to give; it seeks them out intentionally. This is more about blessing others and obedience. Those walking in His light engage in good deeds and meet pressing needs anytime and anywhere they arise.
- **Give Regularly:** Though we should give as need arises, we should also be consistent and disciplined in giving. Giving is linked with prayer and fasting (**Matthew 6:1-18**), and both should contain some element of discipline and regularity. In **1 Corinthians 16:2**, Paul explicitly commends a disciplined and orderly form of giving in addition to whatever spontaneous offerings and gifts we might be compelled to give.
- **Give Secretly:** Jesus doesn't necessarily intend for us to be completely anonymous, but there's a general theme of secret giving for the sake of eternal reward. The flesh craves the praise of man, and thus we need to beware the hypocrisy and tendency to give in an effort to gain notoriety from others. (**Matthew 6:2-4**)
- **Give Thankfully:** Grace is the basis for gratitude. As people who have received grace, we should gratefully extend it to others.

Giving is not designated only to the church; rather, in all areas of our lives, we are to give generously.

## AS A CHURCH MEMBER

As a member of The Good Fight Church you will have access to the following:

- **Breeze CHMS/Church Member Directory:** Breeze is our church tracking software that allows you to view and edit your personal information, view your contributions to The Good Fight Church, view your group attendance, and view a church member directory. Once you become a member, you will receive an e-mail to the e-mail address you provided with instructions to create your account. You may also download the app for your phone if you want to access your profile. You will receive an e-mailed how-to guide to get you started.
- **RightNow Media:** As a church staff, we're always looking for ways to help you develop and strengthen your faith. We believe that RightNow Media will be a tool to serve you as you live out your faith at home, at work and in your neighborhood. RightNow Media has over 20,000 videos for everyone—kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults, working professionals—all aimed at helping you grow.
- **Leading Groups:** As a member, you will be able to lead Connection, Restoration, and Academic Groups as approved. If you are interested in leading a Connection Group, submit your idea online at <http://thegoodfight.church/connection>. For Academic Groups and Restoration Groups, contact the Family and Discipleship Pastor.
- **Scheduled Use of Building:** This building belongs to the Church. As members, you are the Church. If you have an event you would like to use the building for, contact the Administrative Assistant for scheduling. Use of the building is on a first-come, first-served basis and must not conflict with any church group meeting times. When you use the building, you may also use any tables, chairs, and drink dispensers available. You are responsible for the facilities, set-up, break-down, and supplies of The Good Fight Church.
- **Accountability and Support:** The Good Fight Church is here to support its members as needed. We offer benevolence, food trains, counseling, and accountability to those who are in need. Every situation is a conversation and will require a meeting with the Family Discipleship Pastor. With benevolence, The Good Fight Church can pay up to \$250.00 per household per calendar year for necessities such as rent, mortgage, and utilities (not including internet or phone).

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## I AM A CHURCH MEMBER

The kind of membership at TGFC is given to us in 1 Corinthians: “now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it” (1 **Corinthians 12:27**). Because I am a member of the body of Christ, I must be a functioning member, whether I am an “eye,” an “ear,” or a “hand.” As a functioning member, I will give, serve, minister, evangelize, study, and seek to be a blessing to others. I will remember that “if one suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it” (1 **Corinthians 12:26**).

I am a church member. I will seek to be a source of unity in my church. I know there are no perfect pastors, staff, or church members. However, neither am I. I will not be a source of gossip or dissension. One of the greatest contributions I can make is to do all I can in God’s power to help keep the church in unity for the sake of the gospel.

I am a church member. I will not let my church be about my preferences and desires. That is self-serving. I am a member at TGFC to serve others, be accountable, and to serve Christ. Jesus died on the cross for me, so I can deal with any inconveniences and matters that just aren’t my preference or style.

I will pray for my church leaders. Their days are filled with emotional and spiritual highs and lows. I will pray for the church and the people that attend the church. I will pray for families, spouses, and parents. I know the leaders and members cannot do all things under their own power, so I will pray they embrace God’s will, as I pray for their strength and wisdom. I will do so daily.

I am a church member. I will lead my family to be good members of this church as well. We will pray together for our church. We will worship together in our church. We will serve together in our church. And we will ask Christ to help us fall deeper in love with this church because He gave His life for her.

I am a church member. This membership is a gift. When I received the free gift of salvation through Christ, I became a part of the body of Christ. I am humbled and honored to serve and love others in our church. I pray that I never take my membership for granted, but will see it as a gift of relationship that I give others and that God gives me: an opportunity to serve others, to grow into a clearer picture of His Love, and to be a part of something much greater than any one person or member.

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## BIBLE VERSE REFERENCES IN THE ORDER THEY APPEAR

**1 Corinthians 10:31** So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

**Colossians 3:17** And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**John 13:15-16** For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

**Titus 3:14** And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.

**Acts 2:42-47** And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**Hebrews 3:12-13** Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31** See the Bible

**Romans 15:6** that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

**Deuteronomy 6:4** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

**Isaiah 45:5-7** I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.

**1 Corinthians 8:6** Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

**John 4:24** God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

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

**Matthew 28:19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**2 Corinthians 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**John 1:12** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

**Ephesians 1:7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**1 Peter 1:18-19** knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

**Genesis 1:2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

**Matthew 1:18** Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

**2 Peter 1:20-21** knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**John 3:5-6** Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

**Acts 1:5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

**Matthew 3:16-17** And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

**Matthew 28:18-20** And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**Acts 2:41** So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**Acts 8:12** But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

**Matthew 6:19-23** "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"

**Gen. 6, 9, 15** See Bible

**Ezekiel 20** See Bible

**Hosea 2** See Bible

**Jeremiah 31** See Bible

**Matthew 26** See Bible

**1 Samuel 18:3** Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.

**2 Samuel 5:3** So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

**Ephesians 3:10** so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

**1 Corinthians 12** See Bible

**Romans 15:4** For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

**2 Timothy 3:14-17** But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

**Genesis 1** See Bible

**John 1:1-5** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**Revelation 1:8** "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

**Deuteronomy 6:4** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

**Isaiah 45:5-7** I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.

**1 Corinthians 8:6** yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

**Matthew 16:16-17** Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

**Acts 1:9** And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

**1 John 5:12** Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

**Genesis 1:2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

**Acts 1:5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

**1 Corinthians 2:12-13** Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

**2 Peter 1:20-21** knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**Genesis 1:26-27** Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

**Genesis 1:31** And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

**Genesis 3:4-6** But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

**Matthew 22:39** And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

**Romans 3:23-24** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

**1 John 3:11** For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

**1 John 4:20-21** If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

**1 John 5:12** Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

**1 John 5:5** Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

**2 Corinthians 5** See Bible

**Romans 6:1-7** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

**Romans 8:28-30** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

**Romans 12:2** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Colossians 3:1-18** See Bible

**1 Thessalonians 5:23** Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Romans 8:30** And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

**Acts 20:24** But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

**Ephesians 2** See Bible

**Romans 3:23-24** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

**2 Timothy 4:7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

**Acts 1:8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

**Acts 2:38** And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 2:42-44** And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26** For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**2 Corinthians 5** See Bible

**Ephesians 4:16** from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

**Hebrews 10:19-25** Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

**Matthew 3:13-17** Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

**Acts 1:5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

**Acts 2:38-41** And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**Luke 22:14-23** And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"<sup>23</sup> And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

**John 6:53-58** So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26** For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**1 Peter 5:1-6** So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

**1 Timothy 3:8-13** Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

**Matthew 22:37** And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

**James 1:18-21** Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

**Titus 1:6-7** 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,

**1 Timothy 3:2** Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

**Philippians 2:15** that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

**Philippians 2:1-2** So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

**Luke 6:31** And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

**Philippians 2:3-4** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

**Ephesians 4:29** Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

**Ephesians 5:4** Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.

**Colossians 3:8-10** But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

**James 3:1-18** See Bible

**Colossians 4:6** Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

**Proverbs 19:11** Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.

**Ecclesiastes 7:9** Be not quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the heart of fools.

**2 Corinthians 8-9** See Bible

**Matthew 6:1-4** Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

**1 John 3:16-17** By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

**Matthew 16:24-26** Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

**Mathew 6:1-18** See Bible

**1 Corinthians 16:2** On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

**Matthew 6:2-4** Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you

**1 Corinthians 12:27** Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

**1 Corinthians 12:26** If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

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