

Moral Character

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tables of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.”

Exodus 24: 12 RSV

And the Lord said to Moses, “Say to all the congregation of the people of Israel, You shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy.”

Leviticus 19: 1-2 RSV

“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason with your neighbor, lest you bear sin because of him.

“You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

Leviticus 19: 17-18 RSV

You shall have one law for him who does anything unwittingly, for him who is native among the people of Israel, and for the stranger who sojourns among them.

Numbers 15: 29 RSV

‘And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us.’

Deuteronomy 6: 25 RSV

“According to the sentence of the law in which they instruct you, according to the judgment which they tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left from the sentence which they pronounce upon you.”

Deuteronomy 17: 11 NKJV

“If you are not careful to do all the words of this law which are written in this book... then the LORD will bring on you and your offspring extraordinary afflictions...

Deuteronomy 28: 58-59 RSV

“Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, and be careful to do all the words of this law...”

Deuteronomy 31: 12 RSV

“Take good care to observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways...”

Joshua 22: 5 RSV

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Psalms 1: 1-2 RSV

Do not envy a man of violence and do not choose any of his ways; for the perverse man is an abomination to the LORD, but the upright are in his confidence.

Proverbs 3: 31-32 RSV

Misfortune pursues sinners, but prosperity rewards the righteous.

Proverbs 13: 21 RSV

It is not good to be partial to a wicked man, or to deprive a righteous man of justice.

Proverbs 18: 9 RSV

All day long the wicked covets, but the righteous gives and does not hold back.

Proverbs 21: 26 RSV

A righteous man who walks in his integrity—blessed are his sons after him!
Proverbs 20: 7 RSV

Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, but those who keep the law strive against them.
Proverbs 28: 4 RSV

If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.
Proverbs 28: 9 RSV

He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.
Proverbs 28: 13 RSV

He who walks in integrity will be delivered, but he who is perverse in his ways will fall into a pit.
Proverbs 28: 18 RSV

There are those who are pure in their own eyes but are not cleansed of their filth.
Proverbs 30: 12 RSV

He who sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of his fury will fail.
Proverbs 22: 8 RSV

When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it; for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.
Ecclesiastes 5: 4-5 RSV

But he who is noble devises noble things, and by noble things he stands.
Isaiah 32: 8 RSV

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Matthew 5: 6-7 ASB

“Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

“Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”
Matthew 5: 17-20 ASB

You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
Matthew 5: 48 RSV

“Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.”
Matthew 6: 1 RSV

Take care! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired, because then you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven
Matthew 6: 1 TLB

“You brood of vipers! how can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment men will render account for every careless word they utter; for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”
Matthew 12: 34-37 RSV

Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

Luke 12: 2-3 RSV

The time is coming when everything will be revealed; all that is secret will be made public.

Whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be shouted from the housetops for all to hear!

Luke 12: 2-3 TLB

Unless you are faithful in small matters, you won't be faithful in large ones. If you cheat even a little, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities

Luke 16: 10 TLB

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us—they help us learn to endure.

And endurance develops strength of character in us, and character strengthens our confident expectation of salvation.

And this expectation will not disappoint us. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Romans 5: 1-5 TLB

Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

Romans 12: 19 ASB

Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God. For it is written, "I will take vengeance; I will repay those who deserve it," says the Lord.

Romans 12: 19 TLB

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6: 7-10 NKJV

Don't be misled. Remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it. You will always reap what you sow!

Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful desires will harvest the consequences of decay and death. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

So don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time.

Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone, especially to our Christian brothers and sisters.

Galatians 6: 7-10 TLB

Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4: 22-24 RSV

Therefore, putting away falsehood, let everyone speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

Ephesians 4: 25 RSV

Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one.

Ephesians 6: 14-16 RSV

Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2: 3-4 RSV

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other...

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3: 12-14 RSV

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

Timothy I 4: 12 RSV

Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you teach, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

Timothy I 4: 12 TLB

Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching; for the scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages."

Timothy I 5: 17-18 RSV

Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

Hebrews 5: 8 ASB

For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God; but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned.

Hebrews 6: 7-8 ASB

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never fail you nor forsake you."

Hence we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid; what can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith.

Hebrews 13: 5-7 RSV

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love of the brethren, a tender heart and a humble mind. Do not return evil for evil or reviling for reviling; but on the contrary bless, for to this you have been called, that you may obtain a blessing.

Peter I 3: 8-9 RSV

See how very much our heavenly Father loves us, for he allows us to be called his children, and we really are! But the people who belong to this world don't know God, so they don't understand that we are his children.

Yes, dear friends, we are already God's children, and we can't even imagine what we will be like when Christ returns. But we do know that when he comes we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.

And all who believe this will keep themselves pure, just as Christ is pure.

John I 3: 1-3 TLB

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