**Jesus Will Quiet Your Storms**

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**John 14:25-27**

**Sunday Morning**

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25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

**Christians have two opposing options for life—one leads to peace, the other to stress.**

Saints, we can either be guided by biblical principles or by feelings and the pressures of the moment; be led by the Spirit or influenced by our environment; live confidently under God’s direction and for His purpose or constantly react to whatever circumstances arise.

Saints, the Bible is God’s instruction book for living and is filled with godly principles by which the Lord wants us to live. Proverbs is one of many passages of wise instruction.

**Proverbs 3:1-12**

1 My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands; 2 For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you. 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart,

4 And so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones. 9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

11 My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction; 12 For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.

Saints, of God here are the most important principles that have guided millions throughout these years. There are many more, but these have been the most influential in the believers lives since the cross!

**1. Obey God and leave all the consequences to Him**

In many ways, this principle is foundational for all the others. In order to live by it, we must first know what God wants us to do. That’s why learning to listen to Him is essential. Otherwise, we could easily act on our own, rather than being guided by the Lord and His Word.

**John 14:15**

"If you love Me, keep My commandments”

**1 John 2:3-5**

3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

**2. Trust the Lord for every need in your life**

One reason we’re sometimes reluctant to obey God is because we want Him to give us all the details about what will happen if we do.

But the Lord isn’t obligated to reveal the future to us. He wants us to trust Him with the unknown consequences. That’s why it may take courage to step out in obedience. One of the ways God builds trust is through trials.

When we face opposition, failures, and doubts, our trust may waiver because we don’t understand what He’s doing. That’s when we must remember that the Lord is trustworthy.

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths

Saints, we can rest in absolute assurance that He’ll keep every promise He’s made. Instead of looking at the circumstances and worrying about the situation, He invites us to rest in His faithfulness. In fact, it’s when we feel hopeless and helpless in our hardships that we discover how trustworthy God is.

**3. Wait upon God for His direction and timing**

Saints, oftentimes we think we know the best course of action, but the Lord’s the only one who knows the future. That’s why we should wait on Him to guide us with His infinite wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.

**Isaiah 64:4**

“For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him”

Saints, the Lord always acts on behalf of those who wait for Him. During the wait, He works in our lives to prepare us, puts together the circumstances according to His perfect timing and manner, and prepares what He knows is best for us. It may not be what we want, but He never makes mistakes,

**4. Give generously to the Lord’s work**

There’s an amazing promise in 2 Corinthians 9:8 and 10,

**2 Corinthians 9:8-11**

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. 9 As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."

10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Saints, when we give generously, God commits to supplying our needs and making it possible for us to continue contributing to His work in and through the church.

The motive should never be to make money by giving, but to walk obediently before almighty God. Generosity protects us from greed, selfishness, and materialism and teaches us to rely on the Lord to provide whatever He desires us to have.

**5. Admit that you can’t live the Christian life because Christ is the one who lives it through you**

This truth is expressed in Galatians Saints of God!

**Galatians 2:20**

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me”

Our best efforts apart from abiding in Him will result in failure. We must rely fully on Christ to transform and empower us.

**6. Accept that God loves you unconditionally**

When Jesus prayed for His followers, He said that the Father loved them just as He loved Him (John 17:23).

**John 17:23**

“I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me”

Saints, there’s nothing we have to do to earn that love because it’s not based on us but on the nature of God and our union with His Son. There’s nothing we can do to make God love us more or less, or separate us from His love.

**7. Know that God is in absolute control of every circumstance of life**

We are not victims of our circumstances or others’ actions because the Lord is sovereign over everything—even painful and difficult situations.

**Romans 8:28-30**

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Saints, these verses assures us that our heavenly Father is engineering every circumstance for our good and His glory. His sovereignty should be a great source of comfort because we live under the canopy of divine love, knowledge, wisdom, and power.

He is always faithful and can take great adversity and use it to build and strengthen us.

**8. Depend upon the Holy Spirit for everything**

God wants us to recognize our absolute dependence upon Him. It’s the only way we’ll grow and be protected from pride.

As a child matures, he becomes more independent, but in the spiritual realm, increased dependence on the Father demonstrates maturity.

He gave us His Spirit to teach us His Word, transform us into the image of His Son, and empower us to obey and serve Him.

**John 14:26**

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you”

**Romans 8:26**

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered”

**9. Make your personal time of meditation with God the priority of your life**

Saints, you can’t do anything more foundational, fruitful, or valuable than this. Begin each day by spending time with the Lord in prayer and the Scripture.

**Philippians 4:6**

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God”

**Matthew 6:6**

“But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly”

Reflect on God’s Word and your life, humble yourself before Him in worship and praise, and obediently apply what you’ve learned.

**10. Recognize that the gospel of Jesus Christ, when clearly presented in the power of the Holy Spirit, can penetrate the most hardened heart, transform that life, and change his or her eternal destiny**

Saints, never be ashamed to share the gospel because:

**Romans 1:16-17**

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

**In Closing:**

**1. Is your life guided by biblical principles, or are you letting circumstances, feelings, and pressures dictate the course of your life?**

**2. How would living by God’s principles free you from worry, burdens, and fears?**

**3. Does God’s sovereignty over every event in your life comfort or disquiet you? Why?**

**4. How does knowing you’re dependent on the Lord in every way make you feel?**

**5. Read over these 10 principles again. Notice how many of them require trust in God instead of self-reliance.**

**6. What fears or desires tend to hinder your trust in the Lord?**

Saints, Soon and Very soon, Jesus is about to appear, we are almost out of here!

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**1 Corinthians 15:50-54**

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

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**Acts 2:38-39**

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

**Let’s Pray!**

**Benediction**

**"May The LORD bless you and keep you, May The LORD make His face shine upon you, May The LORD be gracious to you, May The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His (Shalom) peace.” In Jesus Name!**