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## LIFE-GIVING SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

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In life transforming ministry like groups, it is helpful to know scriptures that pertain to certain areas of ministry. Many times, simply reading the Word of God to people, praying with them and allowing the Holy Spirit to bring conviction and truth to their lives, is the only role you will play in ministering to them.

**BELOW ARE SOME PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR MINISTRY:**

- Greet people warmly
- Encourage them by bringing God's Word to their circumstances.
- Address them by name as you talk and pray with them.

The following are some scriptures, arranged alphabetically by subject, that you might find helpful in life-giving ministry:

**ABORTION**

Children are a reward from God (Psalm 127:3)

God created us and knew us in our mother's womb. (Psalm 139:13-16)

**ADDICTION (Alcohol, drugs, etc.)**

Do not let sin control your body. (Romans 6:12)

Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 6:19)

Through Christ we can be set free. (Galatians 5:1)

Live by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. (Galatians 5:16)

**ADULTERY**

See "Freedom" and "Sexual Immorality"

**ANGER**

Anger does not achieve God's righteousness. (James 1:19)

Don't let the sun go down on your anger, or give the devil the opportunity. (Ephesians 4:26, 31)

Turn the other cheek. (Matthew 5:28-40)

We must rid ourselves of anger. (Colossians 3:8)

**ANXIETY**

Don't worry, pray. (Philippians 4: 6-13)

Cast all of your anxiety on Jesus (1 Peter 5:7)

God will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5-6)

**BACKSLIDING**

If we confess our sins God will forgive us (1 John 1:8-9)



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Jesus can keep us from falling (Jude 1:24-25)

## **BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Repent and you will receive the baptism of the Spirit (Acts 2:38)

Anyone who asks can receive the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13)

## **CHILD DISCIPLINE**

Fathers don't provoke your children to anger (Ephesians 6:4)

Rebellion is like the sin of witchcraft (1 Samuel 15:23)

Fathers don't frustrate your children (Colossians 3:21)

He who spares the rod hates the son (Proverbs 13:24)

Train a child well and as they grow old they will not depart from their training (Proverbs 22:6)

The rod will drive folly from the heart of a child (Proverbs 22:15)

## **CHILDREN'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

Children obey your parents (Ephesians 6:1)

Honor your father and mother that you may live long (Exodus 20:12)

Youth, set an example for others (1 Timothy 4:12)

## **CONDEMNATION**

There is no condemnation for those in Christ (Romans 8:1)

He who hears the word and believes will not be condemned (John 5:24)

Jesus did not come to condemn the world but to save it (John 3:17-18)

## **CONFESSION/ REPENTANCE**

If we confess our sins God will forgive our sins (1 John 1:9)

When you keep silent about sin your body wastes away (Psalm 32:3)

Confess your sins to one another and you will be healed (James 5:16)

## **CULTS**

Test the spirits (1 John 4:1)

False prophets can deceive even the elect (Mark 13:21-23)

## **DELIVERANCE**

Resist the devil and he will flee (James 4:7)



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We have the power to bind demons (Matthew 18:18)

We can tread on the enemy and he cannot injure us (Luke 10:19)

Where the Spirit is there is freedom (2 Corinthians 3:17)

#### **DENY SELF**

The greatest shall be a servant (Matthew 20:26-27)

Those who come after Jesus must deny themselves (Matthew 8:34)

A grain of wheat must die to bear fruit (John 12:24)

#### **DEPRESSION**

God will restore the joy of our salvation (Psalm 51:10-12)

All things work together for good to those who love God (Romans 8:28, 31)

Give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Come to the Lord when weary and burdened and find rest (Matthew 11:28-39)

God heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147:3)

#### **DISCOURAGEMENT**

Do not become weary in doing good, and you will be rewarded (Galatians 6:9)

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, God saves me (Psalm 138:7-8)

We are hard pressed but do not despair (2 Corinthians 4:8-9)

#### **DIVORCE**

What God has joined together let no one separate (Matthew 19:4-6)

A wife must not separate from her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife. (1 Corinthians 7:10-12)

Wives respect your husbands. Husbands love your wives as yourself. (Ephesians 5:21-33)

Therefore as God's chosen people holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. (Colossians 3:12-15)

#### **FAITH**

Faith is assurance of things hoped for (Hebrews 11:1)

Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6)

Jesus is the author of our faith (Hebrews 12:2)



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Faith without works is dead (James 2:7)

## **FASTING**

When you fast (we are to fast) (Matthew 6:16)

On the day of your fast you have your request (Isaiah 58:3)

The fast the Lord desires is for a man to be humble (Isaiah 58:5)

## **FEAR**

When you die to the flesh you are free from fear (Romans 8:13-17)

The Lord will protect you from evil (2 Thessalonians 3:3)

Do not fear for God is with you (Isaiah 41:10)

The Lord is my light whom shall I fear (Psalms 27:1-3)

The Lord is my shepherd (Psalms 23)

Make the Lord your refuge and no harm will befall you (Psalm 91)

God has not given us a spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1:7)

Perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:8)

## **FEAR OF MAN**

Do your work for the Lord, not to impress men (Colossians 3:23)

If you do good works to please men you lose your reward in Heaven (Matthew 6:1)

Trust in God, do not fear, what can man do for you? (Psalm 56:11)

## **FEAR OF THE LORD**

The fear of the Lord leads to life and being untouched by evil (Proverbs 19:23)

When all is said and done, fear the Lord the most important thing. (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him (Psalm 25:14)

Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth, honor, and life (Proverbs 22:4)

## **FORGIVENESS**

Forgive others and Satan does not have an advantage over you (2 Corinthians 2:10-11)

If you forgive others, God will forgive you (Matthew 6:14-15)

Bless those who persecute you (Romans 12:14)



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## **FORNICATION**

See "Freedom" and "Sexual Immorality"

## **FREEDOM**

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh.

They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery, idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other. (Galatians 5:13-26)

## **GENERAL CURSES**

God is jealous and visits iniquity of fathers on children to third and fourth generation (Exodus 20:5-6)

Whom the Son sets free is free indeed (John 8:36)

## **GOD'S EXPECTATIONS OF US**

To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before Him (Micah 6:8)

These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word (Isaiah 66:2)

The pure in heart and spirit see God (Matthew 5:3,8)

Keep His commandments. Love Him and others (John 5:10)

## **GRIEF**

Jesus goes to prepare a place for us after we die (John 14:1-3)

If we believe in Jesus, yet we die, we shall live (John 11:25)

Now we see in a mirror dimly, but then, face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12)

Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted (Matthew 5:4)

## **GUILT**

Confess and find mercy (Proverbs 28:13)

All have sinned (Romans 3:23)

God freely gives eternal life (Romans 6:23)

There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1-3)



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The old is gone, the new is come (2 Corinthians 5:17)

### **HEALING**

I am the God who heals you (Exodus 15:26)

Jesus took our infirmities, by His stripes we are healed (1 Peter 2:24)

Ask anything of God according to His will, and He hears us (1 John 5:14-15)

We have authority to heal every disease and sickness (Matthew 10:1)

God will restore your health (Jeremiah 30:17)

The Lord forgives our sins and heals all of our diseases (Psalm 103:3)

### **HOLINESS**

Be holy in behavior (1 Peter 1:14-16)

Be holy as the Lord Himself is holy (Ecclesiastes 20:22)

Don't be conformed to the world (Romans 12:2)

Pursue sanctification without which you will not see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14)

### **HOLY SPIRIT**

Better when Jesus leaves and the Holy Spirit comes (John 16:7)

Brings conviction of truth & will guide you to truth (John 16:8-13)

Brings comfort (Acts 9:31)

Brings wonderful things to the life of the believer (1 Corinthians 2:8-13)

Brings spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:7)

### **HOMOSEXUALITY**

See "Freedom" and "Sexual Immorality"

### **HOPE**

For I know the plans I have for you, to give you future and hope (Jeremiah 29:11)

We wait in hope for the Lord, He is our shield, in Him we rejoice (Psalm 33:20)

Hope deferred makes the heart sick (Proverbs 13:12)

There is future hope for you and your hope will not be cut off (Proverbs 23:18)

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength and soar on wings as eagles (Isaiah 40:31)

### **HUMILITY**



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The greatest in God's kingdom are the humble (Matthew 18:4)

Humble yourself and God will exalt you (James 4:10)

Humility brings wealth, honor, and life (Proverbs 22:4)

Humility brings abundant prosperity (Psalm 37:11)

God gives His grace to the humble (James 4:6)

### **HUSBANDS RESPONSIBILITIES**

Take care of your wife or your prayers will go unanswered (1 Peter 3:7)

Love your wife as Christ loved the Church (Ephesians 5:25)

Characteristics of a man of God (1 Timothy 3:1-13)

Honor the marriage bed (Hebrews 13:4)

Husbands must fulfill their marriage duties to their wives (1 Corinthians 7:3-4)

### **INTERCESSION**

Intercession be made for everyone (1 Timothy 2:1)

Paul requests intercession on his behalf (Ephesians 6:19)

Paul interceded for others (Colossians 1:3)

### **JEALOUSY**

Jealousy and envy results in disorder and evil (James 3:16)

Jealousy is worldliness (1 Corinthians 3:3)

We shall not covet the property of others (Exodus 20:17)

### **JUDGING OTHERS**

We will be judged in the manner we judge others (Matthew 7:2-5)

Judgement will be merciless for those who show no mercy (James 2:13)

Jesus judged from hearing God, not from His own opinions (John 5:30)

### **LONELINESS**

God's love for us is unfailing (Isaiah 54:10)

God will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5-6)

Jesus wants to have fellowship with us (Revelation 3:20)

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted (Psalm 34:18)



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## **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

Fervently love one another from the heart (1 Peter 1:22)

If you love one another you abide in the light (1 John 2:10)

If you love one another you are born of God because God is love (1 John 4:7-8)

## **LUST**

Don't make provision for lust (Romans 13:14)

Self-discipline over lust (1 Thessalonians 4:4)

Live by the spirit and don't carry out desires of the flesh (Galatians 5:16-18)

Do not let sin reign in your body, do not give your body to sin (Romans 6:12-13)

## **MARRIAGE**

They will become one flesh (Genesis 2:21-24)

He who finds a wife finds what is good (Proverbs 18:22)

Christ the head of man, man the head of the woman (1 Corinthians 11:3)

It is better to marry than burn with passion (1 Corinthians 7:9)

## **MARITAL PROBLEMS**

I will walk in my house with a blameless heart (Psalms 101:2)

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord (Joshua 24:15)

Get rid of anger, be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:31-32)

Husbands love your wives as yourself, wives respect your husbands (Ephesians 5:21-33)

Wives submit to your husbands as unto the Lord, husbands love your wives as Christ loves the church (Colossians 3:18-19)

## **MATERIALISM / MONEY**

Be content with food and shelter (1 Timothy 6:8)

The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil (1 Timothy 6:10)

If you love the world the love of God is not in you (1 John 2:15)

If you have the world's goods and see a brother in need, and do not help, the love of God is not in you (1 John 3:17)

Don't be slaves to money (Matthew 6:24)

Give God the first fruits (Proverbs 3:9-10)

Trust the Lord in your finances (Proverbs 3:5)



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Be honest in the use of your money (Proverbs 13:11)

God will meet all of your needs (Philippians 4:19)

Give and it will be given unto you (Luke 6:38)

### **OBEDIENCE**

Through obedience we come to know Him (1 John 2:3)

If you are obedient, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you (1 John 3:21)

You have a choice between blessing and curse, a blessing if you choose to obey the Lord's commandments (Deuteronomy 11:26-28)

Rebellion is like the sin of witchcraft (1 Samuel 15:22-23)

Through obedience we receive the Holy Spirit, Jesus reveals Himself to us and abides in us (John 14:15-21)

Don't just hear the Word of God, do what it says (James 1:22)

### **PEACE OF MIND**

Jesus said in me you will find peace (John 16:33)

Because of our faith we have peace with God (Romans 5:1)

Let the peace of God rule in your hearts (Colossians 3:15)

Sleep in peace for the Lord is our safety (Psalm 4:8)

### **PERSISTENCE**

I've fought the good fight, I've finished the race (2 Timothy 4:7)

We will reap a harvest if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9)

Those who obey to the end will be given authority (Revelation 2:24)

To him who overcomes it will be granted their names written in the book of life (Revelation 3:5)

### **PRAYER**

If your heart doesn't condemn you, ask what you wish (1 John 3:21)

Confidence comes from praying (1 John 5:14-15)

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective (James 5:16)

### **PRAYER SHEILD**

We are to pray and intercede for each other (Ephesians 6:18)

Paul requests prayer on his behalf (Ephesians 6:19)

### **PRIDE**



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Pride is an abomination to God (Proverbs 16:5)

God is opposed to the proud (James 4:6)

God will bring down the proud (Isaiah 25:11)

#### **PRIORITIES**

Seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33)

Greatest commandments is to love God then love neighbor; second commandment (Matthew 22:36-39)

Greatest in kingdom of God are the humble (Matthew 18:3-4)

Whoever wishes to be great must first be a servant (Matthew 20:26-28)

#### **REAP WHAT YOU SOW**

God is not mocked, you will reap what you sow. (Galatians 6:7)

The Lord gives to each according to his deeds (Jeremiah 17:9)

#### **RECONCILIATION**

God Reconciled the world through Christ (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

Before giving your offering be reconciled with your brother (Matthew 5:23-26)

Principal of godly reconciliation (Matthew 18:15-17)

#### **SABBATH**

If you turn from pleasure of Sabbath, God will bless you (Isaiah 58:13)

There is a Sabbath rest of the people of God (Hebrews 4:8-10)

#### **SALVATION**

Whoever believes in him will have eternal life (John 3:16)

Wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23)

No condemnation for those in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1)

Believe in your heart and confess with your mouth (Romans 10:9-10)

We are saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Work out your salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12-13)

#### **SEXUAL IMMORALITY**

Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart (2 Timothy 2:22)

It is God's will that you should be sanctified, that you should avoid sexual immorality, that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable (1 Thessalonians 4:3-4)



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God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral (Hebrews 13:4)

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, who you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. (1 Corinthians 10:18-20)

### **SOUL-TIES**

Do not associate with immoral brother (1 Corinthians 5:19)

Bad company corrupts good morals (1 Corinthians 15:33)

Do not associate with unruly brother (2 Thessalonians 3:6)

Do not be bound together with unbelievers (2 Corinthians 6:14)

### **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

God has given us different gifts (Romans 12:6-8)

Don't neglect the gift you've received (1 Timothy 4:14)

Spiritual gifts are given to each of us (1 Corinthians 12:7-11)

These are the gifts Christ gave the church (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Great variety of spiritual gifts (1 Peter 4:10-11)

### **SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

Pay attention to deceitful spirits (1 Timothy 4:1)

Put on the full armor of God. Our struggle is against spiritual enemy (Ephesians 6:10-18)

No soldier entangles himself in everyday life (2 Timothy 2:4)

Humble yourself, resist the devil and he will flee (James 4:7)

Be on the alert, the devil is like a roaring lion out to destroy you (1 Peter 5:8)

### **SUBMISSION TO AUTHORITY**

Submit to authority (1 Peter 2:13)

Obey leaders and submit to their authority (Hebrews 13:17)

Submit to governing authorities, for your good (Romans 13:1-7)

### **SUICIDE**



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Take refuge in the Lord and he will defend you (Psalm 91:1, 11-12, 15-16)

Jesus came to give us abundant life (John 10:10)

### **TEMPTATIONS**

God will not allow you to be tempted above what you can handle (1 Corinthians 10:13)

We must master sin (Galatians 4:7)

Crucify self and no longer be a slave to sin (Romans 6:6)

Make no provision for the flesh (Romans 13:14)

Take every thought captive (2 Corinthians 10:5)

Walk by spirit and don't carry out the desires of the flesh (Galatians 5:16)

Tempted when carried away with our own lust (James 1:14)

Let your mind dwell on good things (Philippians 4:8)

Watch and pray that you will not fall into temptation (Matthew 26:41)

### **THANKSGIVING**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving (Psalm 100:1)

I will give thanks for I am fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:13)

### **TITHING AND GIVING**

Test God to see Him bless you when you tithe (Malachi 3:8-10)

Giving profits our account (Philippians 4:17)

Honor the Lord from the first of our fruits (Proverbs 3:9)

Give and it will be given unto you (Luke 6:38)

God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7)

### **TRIALS**

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial (James 1:12)

Afflictions produce eternal glory (2 Corinthians 4:17)

Do not be surprised with trials, they are for your testing (1 Peter 4:12)

After suffering for a while, God will strengthen and restore you (1 Peter 5:10)

Those who are loved will be disciplined (Revelation 3:19)

### **TRUST IN THE LORD**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and God will make your path straight (Proverbs 3:5-6)



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Put on the shield of faith (Ephesians 6:16)

Trust in the Lord and do not be afraid (Psalm 56:4)

Don't be troubled, trust in God, He will prepare a place for you (John 14:1)

## **WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST**

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9)

He who overcomes will be given authority to rule the nations (Revelation 2:26)

We are seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 2:6,10)

To those who receive Jesus, who believe in His name, they are children of God (John 1:12)

## **WIFE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Submit to husband (1 Peter 3:1-6)

Respect your husband (Ephesians 5:33)

Adorn yourself modestly (1 Timothy 2:9)

Women should not exercise authority over men (1 Timothy 2:12)

Be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind and submissive (Titus 2:5)

The wife's body belongs to her husband (1 Corinthians 7:3-4)

Keep the marriage bed pure (Hebrews 13:4)

The wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives (1 Corinthians 7:39)

## **WORDS AND THEIR POWER**

Let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth (Ephesians 4:29-30)

Life and death are in the power of our words (Proverbs 18:21)

We will be held accountable for every careless word (Matthew 12:36)

Let speech always be with grace (Corinthians 4:6)

With our tongues we praise God and curse men, this should not be (James 3:9-10)



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