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Are You on the Narrow Way and Going Through the Strait Gate to Heaven? - A Spiritual Audit – Part 3



This is a continuation of my sermon from March 8, 2026, where I opined for a mid-life performance appraisal from God as it were. It occurred to me that there are many places in the Scriptures that clearly state what the right way looks like. So, this is a self-assessment of whether you are in the narrow way and passing through the strait gate to eternal life or not (Mat. 7:13-14). Do the signs indicate you have a lively hope for heaven (1 Pet. 1:3) OR a hypocrite's hope that will perish (Job 8:13, 27:8)?

The Hypocrite's Hope



To recap from parts 1 and 2.

1. **Do you Sow to the Spirit or to the Flesh?** Gal. 6:8 ...**HE THAT SOWETH TO THE SPIRIT SHALL OF THE SPIRIT REAP LIFE EVERLASTING.**

2. **Do you Suffer and Endure Spiritual Persecution for Christ's Sake?** Mat. 5:11 - **BLESSED ARE YE, WHEN MEN SHALL REVILE YOU, AND PERSECUTE YOU... Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: FOR GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN...**

3. Does the world hate you and are you persecuted for Christ's sake?

Mat. 10:22 *And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: BUT HE THAT ENDURETH TO THE END SHALL BE SAVED.*

4. Are your enemies of your own house and have you withdrawn from father, mother, daughters and sons and do you receive the people of God?

Lu 14:26 *If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.*

5. Do you have spiritual adversaries & are you engaged in spiritual warfare?

Phil 1:28 *And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.*

6. Do you do the will of the father, follow the sayings of Christ and keep God's commandments?

De 7:9 *Know therefore that the LORD thy God, He is God, the Faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations.*

7. Is your body a living sacrifice? Are you conformed to this world? Are you entangled in the affairs of this life?

Rom 12:1 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, THAT YE PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE UNTO GOD, WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE. 2 AND BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD: BUT BE YE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, THAT YE MAY PROVE WHAT IS THAT GOOD, AND ACCEPTABLE, AND PERFECT, WILL OF GOD.*

8. ARE YOU DOING THE SPIRITUAL LABOR/WORK OF GOD, OVERCOMING THIS WORLD AND PROVIDING SERVICE TO GOD AND HIS PEOPLE OR ARE YOU SPIRITUALLY SLOTHFUL AND TAKING YOUR EASE?

Mat. 25:14 *For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.* 15 *And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one...* 18 *But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.* 19 *After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.* 20 *And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.* 21 *His lord said unto him, **WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT: THOU HAST BEEN FAITHFUL OVER A FEW THINGS, I WILL MAKE THEE RULER OVER MANY THINGS: ENTER THOU INTO THE JOY OF THY LORD....*** 24 *Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:* 25 *And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.* 26 *His lord answered and said unto him, **Thou wicked and slothful servant,** thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:* 27 *Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury...* 30 *And **cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.***

We are not talking about working at your job or doing the dishes – these are necessary for life – they are not what Christ refers to here. We are talking about spiritually laboring and working in Christ and furthering the cause of God and Truth (*Let God be true and everyman a liar.* Rom. 3:4, John 14:6, Psalm 119:160).

Gill: **Thou good and faithful servant:** Such may be said to be good, who have the grace of God implanted in them, some good thing in them towards the Lord God; a good work begun in their hearts, without which men can never be good ministers of Christ; and who have good abilities, not only natural and acquired parts, but ministerial gifts; which are the good things committed to them, and that dwell in them, which they are to keep by the Holy Ghost; and who make a good use of them, and freely communicate and impart their spiritual gifts, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God; and who being employed in a good work, as that of the ministry is, do it well, and abide in it: and such may be said to be "faithful," who preach the pure Gospel of Christ, and the whole of it; who neither mix it with the inventions of men, nor keep back any part of it from the saints; who seek not to please men, but their Lord and Master; and not their own honor and applause, but His glory; and who abide by Him and His cause, notwithstanding all reproaches, afflictions, and persecutions. NOTICE: no reference to earthly things here like doing the laundry and earning a living.

Rev. 2:1 *Unto the angel of the church of **Ephesus**... 2 **I know thy works,** [spiritual] **and thy labour,** [spiritual] **and thy patience** [spiritual], **and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars** (spiritual work - not doing the dishes or your chosen occupation): **And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured,** and hast not fainted [spiritually fainted] ... 4 **Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love** [spiritual sloth - Gill: *by which is meant... the love of the saints to God, and Christ, and one another, which appeared at the beginning of this church state, when they were all of one heart and one soul, as generally at first conversion love is the warmest*]... **But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans** [Gill: *who committed fornication, adultery, and all uncleanness,**

and had their wives in common, and also ate things offered to idols]; *which I also hate...* **To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.**

Rev. 2:8 And unto the angel of the church in **Smyrna** write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; 9 **I know thy works** (spiritual works) **, and tribulation**, and poverty, (but thou art rich)... Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: **BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH, AND I WILL GIVE THEE A CROWN OF LIFE... HE THAT OVERCOMETH SHALL NOT BE HURT OF THE SECOND DEATH.**

Rev 2:12 And to the angel of the church in **Pergamos**... 13 **I know thy works** (spiritual works) **... and thou holdest fast my name and hast not denied my faith** [we can't be ashamed of Christ and His Word – He is the Word],. 14 **But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam** [again – spiritual work – not because you didn't do the dishes or your job - preachers who seek financial gain instead of loyalty and fidelity to God and godliness and who teach that fornication and idolatry is acceptable to God], **who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.** 15 **So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate** [spiritual sloth – leaven!]. ... 17 ... **TO HIM THAT OVERCOMETH WILL I GIVE TO EAT OF THE HIDDEN MANNA, AND WILL GIVE HIM A WHITE STONE, AND IN THE STONE A NEW NAME WRITTEN**, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

Rev. 2:18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira... 19 **I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith**, (spiritual work) **and thy patience, and thy works**; and the last to be more than the first. 20 **Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach** (notice this is spiritual work) [Gill: when it was insufferable for a woman to teach, and especially such a strumpet]: **and to seduce my servants to commit fornication** [spiritual and fleshly fornication], **and to eat things sacrificed unto idols....** 22 **Behold, I will cast her into a bed,**

and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, [spiritual and physical sexual sloth]. We recently preached outside an ELCA convention and I was stunned to see so many female preachers with their collar backwards – up to 30-40%. The majority of them were pushing the Sodomite and transgender agenda and causes. We could tell by their reaction to us, their physical appearance, their rainbow pins and the fact that most went to the ELCA Sodomite supporters that were just in back of us. **26 AND HE THAT OVERCOMETH (in this spiritual warfare), AND KEEPETH MY WORKS UNTO THE END, TO HIM WILL I GIVE POWER OVER THE NATIONS:** 27 *And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.* 28 **AND I WILL GIVE HIM THE MORNING STAR.**

Rev. 2:18 *And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira...* 19 **I know thy ...service.** “Runners run, Servers serve.” If you think you are too good to be a server or a servant, you need to find another God and another religion. This religion is about being a servant. Put away your pride! Put away your ambition! **Service** - Strong's: 1248. 1) *service, ministering, esp. of those who execute the commands of others;* 2) *of those who by the command of God proclaim and promote religion among men;* 2a) *of the office of Moses;* 2b) *of the office of the apostles and its administration;* 2c) *of the office of prophets, evangelists, elders etc.;* 3) *the ministration of those who render to others the offices of Christian affection esp. those who help meet need by either collecting or distributing of charities;* 4) *the office of the deacon in the church;* 5) *the service of those who prepare and present food.* Heb 12:28 *Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.* John 12:26 *If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.* Ro. 12:1 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.* Mat. 23: 11 *But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.* 12 *And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.* Mt 25:21 *His lord*

said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful **servant**. Mark 9:35 And He sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, *If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.* Mark 10:43 ... *but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: 44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.* 2Ti 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient. Jas 1:1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ... Tit 1:1 Paul, a servant of God... 2Pe 1:1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ... Jude 1:1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ... Heb 3:5 And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant.

Rev. 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis... **I know thy works**, *that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead* [spiritual sloth and death – Gill: for, the ... greater part of the members of these churches, are dead in trespasses and sins; and as for the rest, they are very dead and lifeless in their frames, in the exercise of grace, and in the discharge of duties; and under great spiritual declensions and decays, just as it were ready to die; and but few really alive in a spiritual sense, ...]. **2 Be watchful** [they were not watchful but had fallen asleep], *and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy [spiritual] works perfect before God.... 4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. 5 He that overcometh* (in this spiritual warfare), *the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before His angels.*

Rev. 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia... **8 I know thy works: ... for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name....** [not been ashamed of Christ and His word – Gill: not denied Christ Himself, His doctrine respecting His person, office, and grace, neither in words, nor in works, but both ways confessed and owned it. Whatever Christ says – we own it 100% – every last syllable]. *10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience... 11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. 12 HIM THAT OVERCOMETH WILL I MAKE A PILLAR IN*

THE TEMPLE OF MY GOD, AND HE SHALL GO NO MORE OUT: AND I WILL WRITE UPON HIM THE NAME OF MY GOD, AND THE NAME OF THE CITY OF MY GOD, WHICH IS NEW JERUSALEM, WHICH COMETH DOWN OUT OF HEAVEN FROM MY GOD: AND I WILL WRITE UPON HIM MY NEW NAME.

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans ... 15 **I know thy works,** *that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.* 16 *So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.* [Gill: she (the Church at Laodicea) was alive, but not lively: nor was she wholly without spiritual affections and love; to God, and Christ, to his people, ways, truths, and ordinances; she had love, **but the [spiritual] fervency of it was abated**: nor was she without spiritual breathings and desires altogether, as dead men are; or without the light and knowledge of the Gospel, and a profession of it, **and yet she was not "hot"; her love to God and Christ, and the saints, was not ardent and flaming; it was not like coals of fire, that give most vehement flame, which many waters cannot quench, they had not fervency of spirit in the service of the Lord; nor was she zealous for the truths of the Gospel, and for the ordinances of it, and for the house of God and its discipline; nor did she warmly oppose all sin, and every error and false way. Spiritual slothfulness**] . 17 *Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing* [Gill: *In worldly goods (THE WORKS OF THE FLESH), which occasioned her lukewarmness, as riches often do, and her vanity, pride, and arrogance, afterwards expressed.* Worldly riches and prosperity is a TRAP! ("IT'S A TRAP"). It leads men to believe they don't really need Christ and they are blinded by the riches]; *and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.* [They were spiritually bankrupt, complete and totally blind as to their awful state as sinners and completely naked. Sin has stripped man of all morality and is completely destitute of righteousness and is left exposed and naked. The only hope for such a sinner is the righteousness and covering of Christ. 21 **TO HIM THAT OVERCOMETH WILL I GRANT TO SIT WITH ME IN MY THRONE, EVEN AS I ALSO OVERCAME, AND AM SET DOWN WITH MY FATHER IN HIS THRONE.**

James 2:20 *But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?*
21 *Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?* 22 *Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?* 23 *And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.* 24 *Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.* 25 *Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?* 26 *For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

I worry for your soul if you are sitting back and pursuing the flesh and earthly riches letting others do the spiritual labor! The King is returning and He is almost here. Don't worry about what I think – worry about what the Lord sees? William Gurnall says: ***Thou must labor by thy faith and not another.*** It is what **you** do, not what someone else does. **You don't get credit for the work, faith, labor and love for Christ of someone else.** The labor of the person with 5 talents didn't translate to the person with 1 talent – that is NOT the way it works.

What does spiritual work/labor look like on the ground (this is not an exhaustive list). And, remember, 2 Cor. 9:1 *For as touching **the ministering to the saints**, it is superfluous for me to write to you [I have told you a million times already!]*...
5 *Therefore I thought it necessary to **exhort the brethren**, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.* 6 *But this I say, **He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.*** 7 ***Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for **God loveth a cheerful giver.***** You can't fool, trick or market to God when you don't have any credible works or service and when you have not given.

Gill: **Cheerful giver:** Who looks pleasantly on the person or persons that move him to it, or on the object to whom he gives; who parts with his money willingly,

and takes delight in doing good to others; such givers God loves: not that their cheerful beneficence is the cause of his special peculiar love to them in his own heart, which arises from nothing in man, or done by him; but the meaning is, that God does well to such persons; shows his love to them; he lets them know how kindly he takes such acts of theirs, by prospering and succeeding them in their worldly affairs. In the Septuagint in #Pr 22:8 are these words, "God blesses a cheerful man, and a giver," which the apostle refers to.

God is not mocked, you reap what you sow (Gal. 6). This verse is in the context of bear one another burdens and prove his own work and be not deceived God is not mocked.

I propose there are 4 principal ways we do spiritual work/service to God:

1. Public ministry/testimony and not being ashamed of Christ and His Word.
2. Personal spiritual enrichment, fidelity and love of Christ's Words and doctrines (we LIKE to retain God in our knowledge – Rom 1)
3. Charity and love and support toward the body/one another.
4. Praying and giving thanks to God.

This is not a checklist, and it is expressly not a method to salvation. These are categories of things that you tend to see in the people of God in the Bible. If you see a gap in your walk regarding these things, I strongly encourage you to seek the LORD and correct it.

1. **Public ministry/testimony of Christ**

2 Tim. 4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears...5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. Mat. 28: 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and

of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Luke 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Isaiah 58:1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. 1Co 16:15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

What might this look like for us?

- In-town public preaching opportunities
- Out-of-town (near – car) public preaching opportunities
- Out-of-town (far – airplane) public preaching opportunities (do not forget these – they are expensive and you should arrange your affairs to provide for the resources necessary to do these)
- Picket sign production
- Posting on social media sites
- Website content (fliers, postings, videos, music, etc.)
- Back-office support of all of the above (a huge amount of work)
- Sermon content
- Music and singing praises to God (and support of that)
- Answering church emails
- Giving public interviews
- Supporting the Church building
- Providing the financial support to the Church to preaching activities

2. Personal Spiritual Enrichment, Fidelity and Love of Christ's Words and Doctrines – Spending Time in God's/Christ's Word

2 Tim. 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Col. 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another

in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Joshua 1:8 *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.* Rom 15:4 *For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.* Psalms 119: 15 *I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.* 16 *I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.* 14 *But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;* 2 Tim 3:15 *And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.* 16 *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.* 2 Pet. 1:10 **WHEREFORE THE RATHER, BRETHREN, GIVE DILIGENCE TO MAKE YOUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE: FOR IF YE DO THESE THINGS, YE SHALL NEVER FALL.** Acts 6:4 *But we will give ourselves continually ... to the ministry of the Word.* Josh. 1:8 **THIS BOOK OF THE LAW SHALL NOT DEPART OUT OF THY MOUTH; BUT THOU SHALT MEDITATE THEREIN DAY AND NIGHT, THAT THOU MAYEST OBSERVE TO DO ACCORDING TO ALL THAT IS WRITTEN THEREIN: FOR THEN THOU SHALT MAKE THY WAY PROSPEROUS, AND THEN THOU SHALT HAVE GOOD SUCCESS.** 2nd Pet. 3:18 *But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.* 1 Tim. 4:13 *... give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.*

What might this look like for us?

- Personal and constant scriptural studying, reading or listening of the Word (don't tell me you don't have time).
- Personal and constant reading and exploration of scriptural expositors and spiritual content
- Family reading of the Word and expositors

- Constant watching for Christ and fidelity to the Scripture
- Constant watching for Christ and strengthening of doctrine and looking for impurity and leaven in the body
- Sermon creation and study

3. Charity/Love and Support Towards the Body/One Another

Heb 13:1 *Let brotherly love continue.* Col 3:12 *Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13 forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.* 1 Cor. 13:4 *Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.* Joh 13:34 *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.* Ro 12:10 *Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;* Rev. 2:4 *Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.* Rev. 2:19 *I know thy **works**, and **charity, and service, and faith**, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.* James 2:14 *What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.* Heb. 10:25 *...but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as*

ye see the day approaching. Eph 1:15 *Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints.* 1Pe 5:5 *...Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility...* 1Co 13:13 *And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.* Psalm 133:1 *Behold, **how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*** 2 *It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments.* Eph. 4:25 *Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: **for we are members one of another.*** Eph. 4:32 ***And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,*** even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Rom. 12:10 *... preferring one another.*

What might this look like for us?

- Visiting the sick (Mat. 25:36)
- Comforting the feeble minded (1 Thes. 5:14)
- Supporting the weak (1 Thes. 5:14)
- Exhorting, speaking and encouraging one another daily (Heb. 3:13)
- Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord
- Helping one another with building projects needs (James 2:14) *Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ* (Gal. 6:2);
- Giving money, resources and hospitality to another. *Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality* (Rom. 12:13)
- Helping one another with daycare needs (James 2:14) *Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ* (Gal. 6:2)
- Be kindly affectioned to one another and preferring one another (Rom. 12:10)
- Restoring one another in the spirit of meekness if a man be overtaken in a fault (Gal. 6:1).
- Be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility (1 Pet. 5:5) Jas 5:16
- Confessing your faults one to another (James 5:16)

- Considering one another to provoke unto love and to good works: (Heb 10:24).

4. **Praying and Giving Thanks to God**

1 Tim. 2:8 8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

1 Thes. 5:16 Rejoice evermore. 17 Pray without ceasing. 18 In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

In the interest of time I am just including these 2 verses, but you know there are many, many more and whole sermons have been preached from this pulpit on this subject so you know the importance of praying everyday to the LORD and giving thanks for the wonderful things He gives us.

2Thes 1:11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of His goodness, and the work of faith with power: 12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I love you all. Amen.