

GOD'S STANDARDS FOR US

In every relationship and in every situation, we are to exhibit the character of Jesus Christ through our obedience to God's Word.

What am I to do:

As a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, I will:

1. Love God with all my heart, mind, soul and strength by responding in loving obedience to His Word' regardless of how I feel (based on 1Samuel 15:22-23, Matthew 22:37-40, John 14:15, Galatians 5:16-17, 1John 5:3).
2. Worship the Lord only (Deut 6:13, Ps. 29:2, Matt. 4:10) both individually and with other disciples (Acts 2:42-46, 5:12, 20:7, 1Cor. 14:26, 16:2, Col. 3:16, Heb 10:23-25).
3. Be in the habit of attending meetings of the body (Heb.10:23-25).
4. Be a fisher of men (Mark 1:17).
5. Preserve the unity of the body of Christ (1Cor. 1:10, 12:22-26, Ephesians 4:1-3, Phil. 2:1-4).
6. Study and memorize God's Word (Psalm 1:1-3, 119:11, 2Tim. 2:15)
7. Receive (accept) and heed (take seriously) correction and instruction (i.e. be discipled) (Pro. 1:2-5, 9:7-9, 11:4, 16:20, 19:20, Heb 12:5, Col. 3:16, Rom. 15:14).
8. Be an example to others (Matt. 5:16, 1Cor. 11:1, 1Timothy 4:12).
9. Be gentle in correction of others (Gal. 6:1, 2Timothy 2:24-26) and restore those, caught up in sin, in the Lord, to others and to usefulness in the body of Christ (Matt. 18:15-20, Luke 17: 3-4, Rom.15:14 Gal. 6:1-5).
10. Be honest and truthful (Eph. 4:15, 25) and speak in an edifying manner (Eph. 4:29, Col 4:6) and return a blessing when cursed (Rom.12: 14, 1Peter 3:8-9).
11. Be a peacemaker and live at peace with others (Matthew 5:9, Romans 12: 18) and reconcile with anyone who has something against me (Matt.5:23-24).

12. Deny myself and consider others as more important than myself (Luke 9:23-25, Phil. 2:3-8), serving them as Jesus did (Mathew 20:26-28, John 13:12-17, Ephesians 6:7-8).
13. Do my own work and do it whole heartedly as for the Lord (Colossians 3:23-24, 1Thessalonians 4:11-12, 2Thess. 3:10-12).
14. Exercise self-control and discipline (2Corinthians 5:14-15, Galatians 5:23, 1Timothy 4:7-8).
15. Forgive from the heart (before the Lord) anyone who has sinned against me and be ready to grant forgiveness to anyone who asks me (Matthew 18: 21-22, 35, Mark 11:25-26, Luke 17:3-4).
16. Practice biblical love in all my relationships (Matthew 5:44, John 13:33-34, Romans 13:8,10, 1Corinthians 13:4-8a; Ephesians 5:25, Titus 2:2-4).
17. Marry only someone who belongs to the Lord (1Cor. 7:39).
18. Honor God with my body (1Corinthians 6:19-20).
19. Rid myself of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, slander of every kind, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, gossip, arrogance, disorder, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions, sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery, idolatry and witchcraft, hatred, discord, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and the like; evil thoughts, theft, murder, adultery, greed, lewdness, and folly, homosexuality, swindling, self-indulgence; obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking; lust, filthy language and lies. (I Pet. 2:1, 2Cor. 12:20, 1Tim 6:4, Gal. 5:19-20, Mark 7:21-22, 1Cor. 6:9-10, Matt. 23:23, Eph. 5:4, Col. 3:5-9).
20. Confess my sins to God and to other disciples (James 5:16; 1John 1:9, Numbers 5:5-7, Psalms 32:3-5).
21. Set aside a sum of money in keeping with my income, saving it up for God's work and give cheerfully. (1Cor. 16:2, 2Cor. 9:6-12).
22. Share with those in need (Ephesians 4:28, 1Tim 6:17-19, James 2:15-16).
23. Use my abilities, talents, and spiritual gifts for God and to build up the Church (based on Matthew 25:14 -30, Romans 12:3-8, 1Cor. 12:7, Ephesians 4:11-12, 15-16, 1Peter 4:10-11).

24. Obey the leaders and submit to their authority so that their work will be a joy, not a burden (Hebrews 13:17) and
25. Rejoice always, even in the midst of trials (Phil. 4:4, 1Thess. 5:16, James 1:2-4).

As a believing husband, I will:

1. Love my wife as Christ loved the Church (Ephesians 5:25-33).
2. Live with my wife in an understanding way (1Peter 3:7).
3. Provide for my household (1Timothy5:8).

As a believing wife, I will:

1. Be a helper fit (Suitable) for my husband (Genesis 2: 18).
2. Respect, love and be submissive to my husband (Eph. 5:22-24, 31,33, Titus 2:4-5, 1Peter 3: 1-6) and
3. Take care of needs in my household (Prov. 31: 10-27, 1Tim. 5:14, Titus 2:5).

As a believing husband/wife team, we will :

1. Submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21) and
2. Maintain unity in our relationship with one another (Gen. 2:22-24, Matthew 19:4-6, Ephesians 5:31).

As a believing parent, we will:

1. Lovingly train our children through instruction, discipline, and example (Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Ephesians 6:4; Titus 2:4) and
2. Avoid exasperating (provoking) our children (Ephesians 6:4).

As a believing child, I will:

1. Obey my parents while under their authority and training (Eph. 6:1)
2. Honor my parents (Exodus 20:12, Deuteronomy 5:16, Eph. 6:2) and
3. Heed and remember (listen to and take seriously) the teachings of my parents (Proverbs 1:8-9).

As a believing employee, I will:

1. Be obedient and submissive to my employer (based on Ephesians 6:5-8, Colossians 3:22, 1Timothy 6:1-2, Titus 2:9; 1Peter 2:18).

2. Honor my employer (1 Timothy 6: 1-2) and
3. Be honorable in all my dealings with my employer (1 Timothy 6:2, Titus 2:10).

As a believing employer, I will:

1. Act in fairness and with justice toward my employees (Col. 4:1) and
2. Give up threatening my employees (Ephesians 6:9).

As scripturally qualified ministry leader, I will:

1. Be worthy of the trust placed in me (based on 1 Timothy 3:1-15, Titus 1:6-9, 2:7-8, 1 Pet 5: 1-3), discipling others so that they will be able to teach others also (2 Tim 2:2) and
2. Correct (admonish, instruct) others in gentleness, always seeking to restore them to the Lord (based on Matt. 18:15-20, Gal. 6: 1-2, 2 Timothy 2: 24-26)