



THE CHURCH VICTIM.

Picture this; Christ is in the Heavens looking down on all humanity across the globe. He witnesses most of the citizens within the earth experiencing “lack of knowledge” concerning their present location. He sees most people are unaware of their temporary pilgrimage on the spinning ball which has four corners.

REVELATION 7:1

“I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth.”

The Lord notices most individuals are exerting much energy into their lives to improve it; from education to career courses to marrying the exact person of their dreams and then on towards making the “perfect” family while the hot pursuit is on to arrive in the magnificent wealthy neighborhood lined with cobblestone pavement, perhaps a home on the water within a huge beautiful forest behind a lovely ornate black iron rod gate with a sweeping driveway entry lined with the state's most gorgeous and blooming trees into the majestic home with a beautiful guest house sitting upon the river banks.

Beautiful scene, don't you think?

Did I forget the interior shots? I cannot miss them; once inside of this luxurious estate you will find a wall mural painted from a sophisticated artist from the south of Italy on your way to the home's sweeping views of the sea looking out onto the waters lined with waves and a daily soft breeze as you gaze into the lovely formal living room with a chandelier so brilliant it takes your breath away and then you are greeted by a full gym as you pass the nanny and maid that meet the ongoing needs of the “happy family” within it.

Boy was that a breath full, wasn't it? I hope you get the picture.

The problem is the “happy family” do not have a clue about existence.

The “happy family” go to church, but yet the “happy family” are still mostly ignorant; this is the problem that must be resolved for 8.5 billion which are upon the earth at this point in history. I call these individuals “Church Victims.”



These people try to know God but only end up lost for the most part within “Church Life.”

I have been on a tour of “Church Life” since 2006. This was not something I signed up for, this was something the Lord signed me into, against my will so to speak. I was a person that loved “Church” until I was taken into the foundational realities within it, to my grief and great sorrow.

I will never forget the day I heard Christ speak to me one word and that word was “Ezekiel.”

Let me give you a brief description of “Ezekiel.”

Ezekiel was a priest and prophet called by God during one of the darkest times in Israel's history. Exiled to Babylon in 597 BC, he lived among his fellow captives by the Chebar River, far from the ruins of Jerusalem that would soon fall.

Ezekiel was a bold watchman who delivered a clear and urgent message: repent or face judgment. God appointed him to warn the rebellious people of Judah that their idolatry, injustice, and hypocrisy had brought divine judgment upon them. Through dramatic visions, symbolic acts, and powerful sermons, he declared that Jerusalem would be destroyed and the people would suffer exile because they refused to turn from their sins.

Ezekiel was uncompromising in his call to repentance. He told the exiles that each person was personally responsible before God. “Repent and turn away from all your transgressions,” he cried, “so that iniquity will not become a stumbling block to you. Why will you die, O house of Israel? I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live!” (EZEKIEL 18:30–32).

Ezekiel promised that if the people would repent, God would give them a new heart and a new spirit, raise them from spiritual death like dry bones coming to life, and bring them back to their land.

Little did I realize the international church at large sits on the edge of judgment unless it comes to a location of truth with actions that resemble obedience to the truth as found within the Bible.

QUESTIONS | THE CHURCH VICTIM.

1. What term does the author use for people who attend church but remain clueless about existence?
2. Approximately how many people are on Earth at this point in history?
3. Which Bible verse supports the idea of the "four corners of the earth"?
4. What kind of worldly success does the author describe the "happy family" pursuing?
5. True or False: The "happy family" fully understands its temporary pilgrimage on Earth.
6. What core problem must be resolved for billions of people?
7. What single word did Christ speak that began a deeper understanding of the church?
8. In what year B.C. was Ezekiel exiled to Babylon?
9. What was Ezekiel's main message to the people of Judah?
10. True or False: The international church sits on the edge of judgment unless it returns to truth and obedience.
11. To what does the author compare the church experience of many believers?
12. Which verse references the four angels standing on the four corners of the Earth?
13. Of what are most individuals unaware regarding their lives on Earth?
14. True or False: Church Victims try to know God but mostly end up lost within "Church Life."
15. What is Christ witnessing concerning most of humanity?

This is a warning to "Church Leadership" and a heads up to the "Church Victims" within it.

Through history the following has been given and distributed to the "Chosen Church Leadership."

1. Revelation.
2. Gifts.
3. Talents.
4. Placement.
5. Promotion.
6. Elevation.
7. Establishment.
8. Souls (Eternal beings to equip for real and lasting salvation).

These items and elements have been issued to the "Chosen Church Leadership" and then discarded and disdained by the "Chosen Church Leadership" for their own personal doctrine, preferred methods and board rooms of flesh – being; ongoing human weakness and continual rebellion against the Lord.

Rebellion is not a good response to the Lord, as this element caused Lucifer's eternal destruction and all those which follow along his filthy path.

When one says "Yes" to the service of God, one must remain in kept obedience (and repentance) to the Lord as clearly revealed in this scripture.

JAMES 3:1

"My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation."

Condemnation is not a blessing.

Condemnation is a "woe" to avoid.

Condemnation defined; The more severe judgment that God will bring upon teachers and spiritual leaders because they are entrusted with instructing others in His truth (the Bible) and are accountable for both what they teach and how they live.

Let us review the findings within my "Ezekiel Tour."

This list is not an exhaustive compilation but brings out the significant facts.

1. FALSE DOCTRINE (FALSE TEACHING).

There is to be no other doctrine than Biblical truth (as written). (KJV)

1 TIMOTHY 1:3-4

"As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

⁴ Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do."

GALATIANS 1:6-9

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

⁷ Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

⁸ But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

⁹ As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

TITUS 1:9-11

"Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

¹⁰ For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

¹¹ Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake."

2 JOHN 9-11

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

¹⁰ If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

¹¹ For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

ROMANS 16:17-18

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

¹⁸ For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple."

EPHESIANS 4:14-15

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

2 PETER 2:1-3

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

² And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

³ And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."

2. "CHURCH VICTIM" MERCHANDISING.

There is to be given to all - freely.

MATTHEW 10:8

"Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give."

ISAIAH 55:1-3

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

² Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? And your labour for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

³ Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David."

REVELATION 22:17

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

2 CORINTHIANS 2:17

"For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ."

2 CORINTHIANS 4:2

"But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God."

There are to be donations to the storehouse; the location of true teaching, not merely the selling of merchandise.

MALACHI 3:10

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house."

ACTS 2:44-47

"And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

⁴⁵ And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

⁴⁶ And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

⁴⁷ Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

ACTS 4:32-35

"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

³³ And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

³⁴ Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

³⁵ And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need."

1 CORINTHIANS 9:13-14

"Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? And they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?

¹⁴ Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

GALATIANS 6:6

"Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things."

3. SELF MANAGEMENT.

The rejection of God's authority.

PROVERBS 3:5-7

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

⁷ Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil."

ISAIAH 53:6

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

JUDGES 21:25

"In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes."

LUKE 6:46

"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

JAMES 4:7-10

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸ Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

⁹ Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

ROMANS 12:1-2

"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."

MATTHEW 7:21-27

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

²² Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?

²³ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

²⁴ Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

²⁵ And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

²⁶ And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

²⁷ And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

4. THE USURY OF "CHURCH VICTIMS."

The exploitation of church volunteers ("Church Victims") to build personal brands and institutions; not the Kingdom of God.

Scripture is clear: those who labor in the service of the Lord should be valued not used.

LUKE 10:7

"And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house."

MATTHEW 10:10

"Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat."

1 CORINTHIANS 9:7-14

"Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? Or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?

⁸ Say I these things as a man? Or saith not the law the same also?

⁹ For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?

¹⁰ Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.

¹¹ If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?

¹² If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.

¹³ Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? And they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?

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1 TIMOTHY 5:17-18

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

¹⁸ For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward."

DEUTERONOMY 25:4

"Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn."

5. FORCED TITHING.

Church members are to be allowed to tithe where they please.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8

"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.

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

MATTHEW 6:1-4

"Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

² Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

³ But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

⁴ That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly."

ROMANS 14:12

"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

6. EXPECTED VOLUNTEERING.

All people are to be built up with biblical intelligence and serve God where the Lord assigns them within the earth's seven mountains of dominion.

1. Church.

2. Government.

3. Family.

4. Education.

5. Business.

6. Media (News in all Formats).

7. Arts & Education.

EPHESIANS 4:11–16

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

¹³ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

¹⁴ That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

¹⁶ From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4–31

“Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

⁵ And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

⁶ And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

⁸ For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

⁹ To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

¹⁰ To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

¹¹ But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

¹² For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

¹³ For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

¹⁴ For the body is not one member, but many.

¹⁵ If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

¹⁶ And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

¹⁸ But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where were the body?

²⁰ But now are they many members, yet but one body.

²¹ And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

²² Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

²³ And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

²⁴ For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:

²⁵ That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

²⁶ And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

²⁷ Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

²⁸ And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?

³⁰ Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

³¹ But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way."

ROMANS 12:4–8

"For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

⁵ So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

⁷ Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

⁸ Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness."

COLOSSIANS 3:23–24

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

²⁴ Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

MATTHEW 5:13–16

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

¹⁴ Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

¹⁵ Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

GENESIS 1:28

"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

JEREMIAH 29:7

"And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace."

DANIEL 6:3-5

"Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

⁴ Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

⁵ Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God."

ACTS 16:14-15

"And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

¹⁵ And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us."

7. ENTERTAINMENT WITHOUT EDUCATION.

Churches give people entertainment, without biblical education in their manmade structures they call "Community."

All churches are to fully equip the people with intelligence to a full and lasting inheritance on the earth and for all eternity.

MATTHEW 28:19-20

"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."

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2 TIMOTHY 2:15

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

COLOSSIANS 1:28

"Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

HEBREWS 5:12-14

"For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

¹³ For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

¹⁴ But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

HOSEA 4:6

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."

PROVERBS 1:7

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

ACTS 20:27

"For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God."

8. CHURCH CHARGING.

Churches have paywalls for their ongoing conferences, book sales, concerts, men's groups, women's groups, special events, etc.

The Church is to utilize the finances they receive to freely take care of all the people; including the poor in all their events.

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JAMES 2:1-9

"My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

² For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

³ And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

⁴ Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

⁵ Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

⁶ But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?

⁷ Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

⁸ If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

⁹ But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors."

JAMES 2:15-17

"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."

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"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

³³ And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

³⁴ Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

³⁵ And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need."

DEUTERONOMY 15:7-11

"If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:

⁸ But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth.

⁹ Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the LORD against thee, and it be sin unto thee.

¹⁰ Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.

¹¹ For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land."

PROVERBS 19:17

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again."

LUKE 14:12-14

"Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee.

¹³ But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:

¹⁴ And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just."

9. CHURCH LEADERSHIP SIN.

The Church Leadership is to come apart from iniquity; so, they are not sent into eternal fire.

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7

"This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

² A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

³ Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

⁴ One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

⁵ (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
⁶ Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
⁷ Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."

TITUS 1:5-9

"For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

⁶ If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

⁷ For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

⁸ But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

⁹ Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers."

2 TIMOTHY 2:19

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

1 PETER 5:2-3

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

³ Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock."

JAMES 3:1

"My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation."

EZEKIEL 34:1-10

"And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

² Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

³ Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.

⁴ The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

⁵ And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

⁶ My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

⁷ Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

⁸ As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;

⁹ Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

¹⁰ Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them."

HEBREWS 13:17

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

10. CHURCH LEADER CORRUPTION.

Church Leaders are not to infect the people with sin.

This is deadly, as Christ has revealed.

MATTHEW 18:6

"But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

MATTHEW 15:14

"Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

LUKE 6:39-40

"And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch?

⁴⁰ The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master."

JEREMIAH 23:1-4

"Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! Saith the LORD.

² Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.

³ And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

⁴ And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD."

JEREMIAH 23:13-15

"And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err.

¹⁴ I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

¹⁵ Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land."

MALACHI 2:7-9

"For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

⁸ But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

⁹ Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law."

JAMES 3:1

"My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation."

ACTS 20:28-31

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

²⁹ For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

³⁰ Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

³¹ Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears."

2 PETER 2:1-3

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

² And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

³ And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."

The only hope for all individuals is the securing of their own personal due diligence within the Bible (KJV Version - Highly Suggested).

You would not allow someone to drive your car blindfolded down a busy breezy freeway with you sitting in the back seat, would you?

This is how absolutely dangerous it is when you allow others to teach you the Bible, without you studying it for yourself.

You might end up in eternal fire, instead of eternal life; to your utter shock and severe everlasting regret.

Open the Bible and begin reading in the book of Genesis all the way to the end of Revelation. (You can do this as many times as you desire to understand the full view of existence).

Then you can change your Bible reading plan (if you would like) to spend time in the Old Testament and the New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs on a daily basis, etc.

Do your daily Bible reading consistently.

Do this, until you exit the earth.

QUESTIONS | SINS OF THE CHURCH.

1. How many specific sins of the church are listed?
2. What is the first sin listed?
3. According to 1 Timothy 1:3-4, what should leaders be charged to do?
4. What does Galatians 1:8-9 declare about preaching another gospel?
5. What is the second sin listed?
6. Which verse commands "freely ye have received, freely give"?
7. What does Isaiah 55:1 invite people to buy without money?
8. What is the third sin listed?
9. Which Proverbs passage warns against leaning on our own understanding?
10. What does Judges 21:25 describe?
11. What is the fourth sin listed?
12. Which verse says the labourer is worthy of his hire?
13. What is the fifth sin listed?
14. According to 2 Corinthians 9:7, how should giving occur?
15. What is the sixth sin listed?
16. Name the seven mountains of dominion.
17. Which Ephesians passage describes the five-fold ministry for perfecting the saints?
18. What is the seventh sin listed?
19. Which Matthew verses command teaching all nations to observe all things?
20. What is the eighth sin listed?
21. Which James passage warns against respect of persons to the rich over the poor?
22. What is the ninth sin listed?
23. According to 1 Timothy 3:2, what must a bishop be?
24. What is the tenth sin listed?
25. Which Matthew verse warns about offending little ones who believe?
26. True or False: Church leaders should pass their personal sin to the people.
27. What is the only hope for individuals regarding biblical truth?

28. True or False: Relying on others to teach the Bible without personal study is dangerous.
29. What risk does the author warn about if you do not study the Bible yourself?
30. What initial reading plan is strongly recommended?
31. How often should Bible reading occur?
32. Until when should consistent Bible reading continue?
33. Which Hosea verse warns that God's people are destroyed for lack of knowledge?
34. What caused Lucifer's eternal destruction?
35. True or False: Teachers and leaders receive greater condemnation.
36. Which James verse warns about greater condemnation for teachers?
37. What does Malachi 3:10 command regarding tithes?
38. Which Acts chapters describe the early church having all things common?
39. True or False: Volunteers should be required to sign forms to tithe to one church only.
40. What should church finances primarily support?

STEPS.

One of the nicest things I have ever received from the Lord was "Steps" as he put together the "missing pieces" in my life in the lane called "Christianity." I would like to share them with you, I hope you are ready.

First, I want you to examine the "Step Diagram."

STEP DIAGRAM.



A. COVENANT.

The word "Covenant" appears on the handrails of the steps.

Covenant defined; the eternal oath of Almighty God to the inhabitants of the earth as found within the Bible.

PSALM 105:8-10

"He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

⁹ Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac;

¹⁰ And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant."

DEUTERONOMY 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."

The Covenant has two arrows; one arrow going up and the other arrow going down.

If a person obeys the Lord, the person will eventually experience increase in their life.

If a person rebels against the Lord, the person will eventually experience decrease in their life.

ISAIAH 1:19-20

"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

²⁰ But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

B. FAITH – IT IS WRITTEN.

Humanity is to climb the steps in the element of "faith."

ROMANS 1:17

"For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith."

Faith is the belief that God will do as he has stated within the Bible; for "It is written."

ROMANS 4:20-21

"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

²¹ And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."

One must place their life in God's hands and do as he directs.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Faith believes God's promises but does not see them arrive until later (in God's timing and preference).

HEBREWS 1:1

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets."

An individual cannot please God without the component of "faith."

HEBREWS 11:6

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

1. FIRST STEP.

"Light."

The first step begins at the bottom.

The first step is where the 'light' of truth has landed within your life.

You were met with Biblical reality within one form or the other, as Almighty God directed.

You might have been lit by God himself, or you might have experienced the “light” through the avenue of preaching, teaching, etc.

There are many forms in which the “light” might have entered into your life.

Here are a few Biblical examples.

- God Event.
- Visions.
- Dreams.
- Angelic Encounters.
- Demonic Encounters.
- Divine Intervention.
- Miracles.
- Preaching.
- Teaching.
- Word of Wisdom.
- Word of Knowledge.
- Prophetic Word.
- Deliverance.
- Bible Reading.
- Faithful Witnesses.
- Christian Music.
- Christian Book.
- Judgment.
- Conviction of the Holy Spirit.
- Answered Prayer.
- Supernatural Announcements & Visits.
- Godly Example.
- Creation (The Visual Reality of The Creator).
- Divine Guidance (Not Suggestion).
- The Inward Knowing.
- Interpretation of Tongues.
- Etc.

God has utilized many forms to communicate with humanity, this is certain.

God is the creator so therefore his forms are varied and numerous.

HEBREWS 1:1

“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets.”

The Bible is clear.

Let us read, let us know.

JOHN 1:9

"The true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

People are without excuse before Almighty God, as he has brought the "light" into each and every human being.

2. SECOND STEP.

"Decision."

On this step the person is led to make a choice; to come to a "decision" whom they will belong to.

All people were born into sin and belong to the "Demonic Kingdom" called the "World."

PSALM 51:5

"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."

ROMANS 3:23

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

God is desiring for all people to make the "decision" to be his through the avenue of his son's cross; the death of Jesus, the burial of Jesus and the glorious resurrection of Jesus.

JOHN 3:16-17

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

ACTS 4:12

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

ROMANS 5:8-10

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

¹⁰ For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

ROMANS 10:9-13

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

¹¹ For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

¹² For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

¹³ For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-4

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

² By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-21

"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

¹⁹ To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

²⁰ Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

²¹ For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

1 TIMOTHY 2:3-6

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

⁴ Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

⁵ For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

⁶ Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

2 PETER 3:9

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

TITUS 3:4-7

"But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

⁵ Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

⁶ Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

⁷ That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

All humanity is to be "born again" where we transfer ownership of our lives from satan to Almighty God and we exit the world's forever in eternal fire to our wonderful resurrection into eternal life.

JOHN 1:12-13

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

¹³ Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

JOHN 3:3-8

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

⁴ Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

⁵ Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷ Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

⁸ The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

ACTS 26:18

"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."

ROMANS 6:17-23

"But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

¹⁸ Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

¹⁹ I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

²⁰ For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

²¹ What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

²² But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

²³ For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

ROMANS 8:1-2

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

GALATIANS 2:20

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

² Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

³ Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

⁶ And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

⁷ That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.

¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

COLOSSIANS 1:12-14

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

¹³ Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

¹⁴ In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

1 PETER 2:9-10

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

¹⁰ Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."

1 JOHN 3:1-3

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

² Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

³ And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

The "decision" is an individual choice.

DEUTERONOMY 30:19-20

"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

²⁰ That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."
JOSHUA 24:15

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."
ISAIAH 55:6-7

"Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:
⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."
MATTHEW 11:28-30

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
JOHN 1:12

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."
ROMANS 10:9-10
"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."
REVELATION 3:20

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."
REVELATION 22:17

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."
You are the only one who can commit yourself to God with your "decision."

MATTHEW 16:24-26
"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
²⁵ For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.
²⁶ For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

LUKE 9:23

"And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

LUKE 14:26-33

"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.

²⁷ And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

²⁹ Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,

³⁰ Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

³¹ Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

³² Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.

³³ So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

ROMANS 12:1-2

"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."

JAMES 4:7-10

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸ Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

⁹ Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

When you say "Yes" to God; the Lord grabs you from the chains of the devil and places you within his Kingdom of love, purity and absolute truth.

JOHN 8:31-36

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

³² And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

³³ They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

³⁴ Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

³⁵ And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

³⁶ If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

ACTS 26:18

"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."

ROMANS 8:14-17

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

¹⁵ For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

EPHESIANS 2:4-7

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

⁶ And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

⁷ That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."

COLOSSIANS 1:13-14

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

¹⁴ In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

HEBREWS 2:14-15

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

¹⁵ And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

1 PETER 2:9

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."

1 JOHN 3:8

"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

The Kingdom of God will give you all you need in life as you remain with them through your life journey.

PSALM 23:1-6

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."

MATTHEW 6:31-33

"Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? Or, What shall we drink? Or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

³² (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek;) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

³³ But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

JOHN 10:10

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

JOHN 15:4-10

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

⁵ I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

⁶ If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

⁷ If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

⁸ Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

⁹ As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

¹⁰ If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love."

ROMANS 8:28-39

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

²⁹ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

³⁰ Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

³¹ What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

³² He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

³³ Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

³⁴ Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁶ As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

³⁷ Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

PHILIPPIANS 4:19

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

COLOSSIANS 2:9-10

"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

¹⁰ And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power."

2 PETER 1:2-4

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

³ According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

⁴ Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

JUDE 24-25

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

²⁵ To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

3. THIRD STEP.

"Biblical Literacy.

On the third step you will enter into "Biblical Literacy."

Biblical Literacy defined; The knowing, understanding and living of Biblical truth.

There are two methods which will form your "Biblical Literacy."

The first is the Bible, the second is Biblical Education.

o THE BIBLE.

Biblical Literacy is formed by your commitment to be a person of the "Word" (the Bible).

Meaning; you devote a portion of your time daily to read and study the Bible in order to know, to obey and to keep the Bible in the lane called "Obedience."

The Bible is your lifeline, never cut this off.

DEUTERONOMY 6:6-9

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

⁷ And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

⁸ And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

⁹ And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates."

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."

PSALM 1:1-3

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

² But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

PSALM 19:7-11

"The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

⁸ The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward."

PSALM 119:9-16

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word.

¹⁰ With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

¹² Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

¹³ With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

¹⁴ I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.

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."

PSALM 119:97-105

"O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day.

⁹⁸ Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

¹⁰¹ I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

¹⁰² I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

¹⁰³ How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

¹⁰⁵ Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

MATTHEW 4:4

"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

JOHN 8:31-32

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

³² And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

JOHN 15:7

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

ACTS 17:11

"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

ROMANS 10:17

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

COLOSSIANS 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."

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

HEBREWS 4:12

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

JAMES 1:22-25

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

²³ For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

²⁴ For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

²⁵ But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

1 PETER 2:2

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."

○ BIBLICAL EDUCATION.

Biblical education is a mandate of Almighty God.

DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

⁷ And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

ISAIAH 28:9-10

"Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

¹⁰ For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little."

PROVERBS 9:9

"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning."

MATTHEW 28:19-20

"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 24:27

"And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."

ACTS 2:42

"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

ROMANS 12:2

"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."

EPHESIANS 4:11-15

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

¹³ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

¹⁴ That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

COLOSSIANS 1:9-10

"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

¹⁰ That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God."

1 TIMOTHY 4:13

"Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine."

1 TIMOTHY 4:16

"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

2 TIMOTHY 2:15

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

TITUS 2:1

"But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine."

HEBREWS 5:12-14

"For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

¹³ For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

¹⁴ But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

2 PETER 1:5-8

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

⁶ And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

⁷ And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

⁸ For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

2 PETER 3:18

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."

RealOron® has developed an eight-level structured Biblical Education path for you.

You can travel through the RealOron® Biblical Education with a degree focus or simply a Biblical Education learning journey.

The choice is yours.

"Biblical Literacy" is a mandate of Almighty God for all his creation, please do not ignore your need for this important step.

The warning of ignoring "Biblical Literacy" is set before you.

HOSEA 4:6

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

Destruction arrives to the ones who set aside "Biblical Literacy."

Be wise, embrace "Biblical Literacy."

4. FOURTH STEP.

"Conversion – Kept."

On step four you will arrive.

You have become "Biblically Intelligent" through the avenue of "Biblical Literacy."

You now are fully aware of the changes that are needed within your life in order to travel safely upon the earth.

God does not suggest conversion (change).

God commands conversion (change).

Let us read.

MATTHEW 18:3

"Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Converted defined; to change from one form into another.

After you are "Biblically Intelligent" knowing the scriptures, you will rearrange your life in order to please the Lord and to have a good successful journey through the earth and eternal life when you exit the earth.

To ignore the keeping of your mandated conversion is to embrace eternal fire.

MATTHEW 18:3

"And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

ACTS 3:19

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

ROMANS 12:1-2

"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."

EPHESIANS 4:22-24

"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

²³ And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

²⁴ And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

COLOSSIANS 3:1-17

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

² Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

³ For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

⁵ Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

⁶ For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

⁷ In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

⁸ But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

⁹ Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

¹⁰ And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

¹¹ Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

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.

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."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

EZEKIEL 18:30-32

"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

³¹ Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

³² For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye."

LUKE 13:3-5

"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

⁴ Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

⁵ I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

JAMES 1:22-25

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

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JOHN 14:15

"If ye love me, keep my commandments."

TITUS 2:11-14

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

¹² Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

¹³ Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

¹⁴ Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

¹³ For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

HEBREWS 12:14

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

1 PETER 1:14-16

"As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

¹⁵ But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

¹⁶ Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."

The Lord expects you to work out your salvation the way he commands as recorded within the Bible.

PHILIPPIANS 2:12

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

Follow the Lord's orders, for this is wisdom.

5. FIFTH STEP.

“Serve | 7 Mountains.

When the Lord sees you have received the light, made your decision and are fulfilling your Biblical Literacy command as you are reading and studying the Bible along with securing your intelligence through the avenue of Biblical Education; you will find the Lord giving you tasks to do within the earth.

The assignments the Lord gives are called “Kingdom Assignments.”

These divine projects will bring resolution to the earth's problems within the seven mountains where God locates you.

The Seven Mountains.

1. Church.
2. Government.
3. Family.
4. Education.
5. Business.
6. Media (News in all Formats).
7. Arts & Education.

The Lord will begin with setting an issue before you, to prove your commitment and dedication to him.

Many confess they long to serve the Lord; but the reality is this; very few people do.

For most individuals serve themselves and their interests and not God's.

God is passionate about all human beings being made whole and successful for earth and eternity; where most humans are self-serving and selfish.

The ones who remain with the Lord and serve him how and where he assigns them will experience the rewards which follow.

We must remember both the work and the reward are with the Lord.

ISAIAH 40:10

“Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.”

There are also many rewards for the servant of the Lord.

JOB 36:11

“If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.”

EXODUS 23:25

“And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.”

God favors those who favor his righteous cause.

1 SAMUEL 2:30

"Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed."

2 CHRONICLES 16:9

"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars."

PSALM 84:11

"For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

MATTHEW 6:33

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Almighty God separates at the end the sheep (his servants) and the goats (the rebels against serving him).

Let us listen to the account and make wise decisions.

MATTHEW 25:31–46

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

³² And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

³³ And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

³⁴ Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

³⁵ For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

³⁶ Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

³⁷ Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

³⁸ When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? Or naked, and clothed thee?

³⁹ Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

⁴⁰ And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

⁴¹ Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

⁴² For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

⁴³ I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

⁴⁴ Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

⁴⁵ Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

⁴⁶ And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

As a person is faithful with a small task, God will add greater responsibility to this individual.

MATTHEW 25:21

"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."

One must embrace their work for God's Kingdom with a sound mind, a willing heart, kept intelligence with diligence; for this is wisdom.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

1 CHRONICLES 28:9

"And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever."

PROVERBS 4:5-7

"Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

⁶ Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

⁷ Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding."

PROVERBS 22:29

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men."

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

²⁴ Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

ECCLESIASTES 9:10

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

ROMANS 12:11

"Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

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."

JAMES 1:5

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

LUKE 16:10

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much."

6. SIXTH STEP.

"Glory & Honor."

This step is reserved for those whom Christ has counted worthy through proven faithfulness to publicly represent Him within the sphere of influence within the seven mountains to which He has called them.

Having demonstrated obedience, humility, wisdom, integrity, and faithful stewardship over time; the Lord entrusts them with greater authority, influence, and responsibility for His Kingdom.

The glory belongs to God alone; the honor is bestowed by God upon His faithful servants.

1 SAMUEL 2:30

"Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed."

MATTHEW 25:21

"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."

LUKE 16:10

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much."

LUKE 19:17

"And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities."

ROMANS 2:7

"To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life."

ROMANS 2:10

"But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile."

We know by scripture many attained to the step of "Glory & Honor."

These individuals were entrusted by Almighty God with visible leadership and influential service because of God's calling and the servant's demonstrated integrity and faithfulness.

Remember authority comes with duty, work, reliability and responsibility; which is kept and not neglected or discarded.

1. Abraham.

GENESIS 12:1-3

"Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: ² And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: ³ And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

2. Joseph.

GENESIS 41:39-41

"And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: ⁴⁰ Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. ⁴¹ And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt."

3. Moses.

EXODUS 3:10

"Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt."

4. Joshua.

JOSHUA 1:1-9

"Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, ² Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. ⁵ There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. ⁶ Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. 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. ⁹ Have not I commanded thee? Be strong

and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

5. Deborah.

JUDGES 4:4-9

"And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time. ⁵ And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. ⁶ And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedeshnaphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun? ⁷ And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand. ⁸ And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go. ⁹ And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh."

6. Samuel.

1 SAMUEL 3:19-20

"And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD."

7. David.

1 SAMUEL 16:13

"Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah."

8. Esther.

ESTHER 4:14

"For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

9. Mordecai.

ESTHER 10:3

"For Mordecai the Jew was next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed."

10. Ezra.

EZRA 7:10

"For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments."

11. Nehemiah.

NEHEMIAH 2:18

"Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work."

12. Daniel.

DANIEL 6:3

"Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm."

13. Elijah.

1 KINGS 18:36-39

"And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. ³⁷ Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. ³⁸ Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God."

14. Elisha.

2 KINGS 2:15

"And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him."

15. Isaiah.

ISAIAH 6:8

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."

16. Jeremiah.

JEREMIAH 1:5

"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."

17. Ezekiel.

EZEKIEL 3:17

"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me."

18. The Prophets.

HEBREWS 1:1

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets."

19. John the Baptist.

MATTHEW 11:11

"Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

20. The Apostles.

MATTHEW 10:1-2

"And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. ² Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother."

21. Stephen.

ACTS 6:5

"And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost."

22. Phillip.

ACTS 8:35

"Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus."

23. Barnabus.

ACTS 11:24

"For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord."

24. Timothy.

1 TIMOTHY 4:12

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

25. Titus.

TITUS 1:5

"For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee."

26. Priscilla & Aquila.

ACTS 18:26

"And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly."

27. Paul.

ACTS 9:15

"But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel."

May we bring the Lord joy as we commit our lives and service to him for his creation.

MATTHEW 5:16

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

May we never betray the Son of God in the "Glory & Honor" location.

We must remain faithful to Christ and bring him honor instead of shame.

2 SAMUEL 12:13-14

"And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

¹⁴Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die."

No matter how many leave righteousness, may it never be you.

Let us pay close attention to the warning.

MATTHEW 26:24

"The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It had been good for that man if he had not been born."

7. SEVENTH STEP

"Eternal Life"

1. The faithful ones who endured to the end of their lives have now entered into eternal life.

MATTHEW 24:13

"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

2. Eternal life is the beautiful place Jesus Christ secured for His people through the sacrifice of Himself.

JOHN 14:1-4

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

² In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

⁴ And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know."

3. Jesus Christ's sacrifice of Himself made the way to eternal life available to all who believe, trust, and obey Him.

HEBREWS 5:8–9

"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

⁹ And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."

4. Eternal life is received through the gift of God—that gift being His Son, Jesus Christ.

JOHN 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

5. Jesus gives eternal life to those who receive Him as their Savior and follow Him.

JOHN 10:27–28

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

²⁸ And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

6. Christ has prepared a place in eternity for His people.

JOHN 14:2–3

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

7. Humanity is reconciled to God through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

ROMANS 5:8–10

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

¹⁰ For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

8. The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ.

ROMANS 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

9. A Christian's redemption is through the blood of Jesus Christ.

EPHESIANS 1:7

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."

10. Sins are forgiven through the blood of Jesus Christ.

COLOSSIANS 1:13–14

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

¹⁴ In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

11. Christ obtained eternal redemption through His own blood.

HEBREWS 9:12

"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

12. Christians have access to God through the blood of Jesus Christ.

HEBREWS 10:19–22

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

²¹ And having an high priest over the house of God;

²² Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."

13. Christians are redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

1 PETER 1:18–19

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

14. Jesus Christ suffered once for sins to bring humanity to God.

1 PETER 3:18

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit."

15. Jesus Christ purchased people for God with His blood.

REVELATION 5:9–10

“And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

¹⁰ And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”

16. God has prepared an eternal dwelling place for His people.

REVELATION 21:1–4

“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

² And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

⁴ And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

17. The redeemed have an everlasting inheritance with God.

REVELATION 22:1–5

“And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

² In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

³ And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

⁴ And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

⁵ And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.”

Eternal life is real.

We will all leave this earth. May we all rise into great joy and eternal life.

8. EIGHTH STEP.

"Eternal Reward"

In eternity all will appear before the judgment seat of Jesus Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

At the judgment seat of Christ, there will be both amazing joy and deep sorrow; as individuals will receive from the Lord according to their earthly activities, whether good or bad.

At the judgment seat, people will be rewarded for the good works they accomplished and the assignments they fulfilled on earth for Jesus Christ and His creation or experience deep anguish for ignoring God's Kingdom protocol of "Kingdom Service" across the seven mountains of dominion in the earth.

ROMANS 14:10-12

"But why dost thou judge thy brother? Or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

¹¹ For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

¹² So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

1 CORINTHIANS 3:8-15

"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

⁹ For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

¹⁰ According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

¹¹ For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

¹² Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

¹³ Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

¹⁴ If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

¹⁵ If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

²⁴ Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

2 TIMOTHY 4:7–8

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

REVELATION 22:12

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

May we live with the understanding that, in eternal life, we will receive reward according to our "Kingdom" work, actions and activities upon the earth.

Take heed; the apathetic rebels will not be happy with their results in eternity; this is factual and most certain.

Live in a manner that will bring eternal reward from Jesus Christ.

This is wisdom.

9. NINTH STEP.

"Infinity With God"

1 THESSALONIANS 4:16–17

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

¹⁷ Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

REVELATION 21:1–4

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

² And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

⁴ And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

REVELATION 21:22–27

"And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

²³ And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

²⁴ And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

²⁵ And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

²⁷ And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

REVELATION 22:1-5

"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

² In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

³ And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

⁴ And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

⁵ And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."

PSALM 16:11

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

ROMANS 8:18

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

EPHESIANS 2:7

"That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."

REVELATION 22:5

"And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."

1 THESSALONIANS 4:17

"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

May you look forward to "Infinity With God" as all in existence fades in comparison to this great joy.

QUESTIONS | STEPS.

1. How many steps are described?
2. What is Step 1?
3. What is Step 2?
4. What is Step 3?
5. What is Step 4?
6. What is Step 5?
7. What is Step 6?
8. What is Step 7?
9. What is Step 8?
10. What is Step 9?
11. What is the definition of "Biblical Literacy"?
12. Name three ways the "Light" (Step 1) can enter a person's life.
13. What were all people born into?
14. Which verse in John says "Except a man be born again..."?
15. On which step does a person become "Biblically Intelligent"?
16. Does God suggest or command conversion?
17. Which verse in Philippians commands working out your own salvation with fear and trembling?
18. List the seven mountains.
19. True or False: Very few actually serve the Lord though many say they want to.
20. Which 1 Samuel verse says God will honour those who honour Him?
21. What step is for those proven faithful to represent Christ publicly?
22. Name three biblical figures who reached "Glory & Honor."
23. Which Matthew verse says the one who endures to the end shall be saved?
24. What is the ninth step?
25. Which 1 Thessalonians passage describes being caught up to meet the Lord?
26. What occurs at the Judgment Seat of Christ?
27. Which 1 Corinthians passage says works will be tried by fire?
28. What kinds of works receive reward?
29. True or False: We should live knowing we will be rewarded according to our actions.
30. What is the ultimate destination in the ninth step?

THE COST.

The nice thing about God is his integrity.

The Lord has the best plans for you, let us listen.

JEREMIAH 29:11

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

God does not always reveal every single thing within the process to the end.

God only promises an expected end, for the ones who continue up the steps.

Many begin with a gleeful "Yes!" – but later they drop out for various reasons; such as apathy, pain, work, false doctrine, distractions, hard long years, disappointments, isolation, loneliness, afflictions, trials, tests, refining, rearrangement, problems, sorrows, etc.

Serving Jesus Christ comes with a cost.

LUKE 9:23

"And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

Let me share with you, my cost.

- The loss of my entire former life.
- The surrender of my own plans, dreams, and ambitions.
- The death of self.
- The crucifixion of my own will.
- Family misunderstanding.
- Family separation.
- Betrayal.
- Abandonment.
- Rejection.
- Loneliness.
- Isolation.
- Years of hidden preparation.
- Waiting.
- Testing.
- Refining.
- Humbling.
- Discipline.
- Spiritual warfare.
- Demonic opposition.
- Physical suffering.

- Emotional suffering.
- Mental suffering.
- Depression.
- Waiting.
- The loss of friendships.
- The loss of companionship.
- The loss of reputation.
- False assumptions and misunderstanding by others.
- Financial sacrifice.
- The surrender of known "financial security."
- Career interruption.
- The loss of material possessions.
- Divorce.
- The loss of my home.
- The loss of business stability.
- The rebuilding of my life from the ground up.
- Years of obscurity.
- Years of faithful labor in "No Reputation."
- The continual carrying of work, duty and responsibility.
- The burden for God's creation.
- The sorrow of watching many reject biblical truth.
- The grief of seeing church leaders fall.
- The mourning over the "Church Victims."
- The burden of research, writing and preserving biblical truth.
- The labor of producing books, teachings, and biblical education.
- The sacrifice of time.
- The sacrifice of comfort.
- The sacrifice of convenience.
- The sacrifice of personal preferences.
- Continual learning and study.
- Daily obedience.
- The proving's.
- The tests.
- Many trials.
- Perseverance through opposition.
- Trusting God with no visible provision.
- Continuing the assignment by myself.
- Building what God commanded despite resistance.

- Choosing truth over popularity.
- “Tent” income.
- Choosing holiness over acceptance.
- Choosing obedience over applause.
- Choosing Christ over self.
- Choosing “my timing” over “God’s timing” – Now in the 25th year.

Serving Christ comes with the cost.

The cost is – all.

The Lord promises us the expected end, if we continue up the steps.

Continue climbing, no matter the time or the pain; for God cannot lie.

NUMBERS 23:19

“God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?”

Remember to smile for your expected end is up ahead.

The Lord is strengthening you and making you an awesome tool for the “Kingdom of God.”

You will “Survive God” and his processes, as you will remember these are for your ultimate safety, protection and inheritance; for the Lord is for you – not against you.

QUESTIONS | THE COST.

1. Which Jeremiah verse promises thoughts of peace and an expected end?
2. What does Luke 9:23 command?
3. True or False: Serving Jesus Christ comes with a cost.
4. Name three family-related costs mentioned.
5. Name three types of suffering listed.
6. What financial realities are described?
7. What year of the assignment is referenced as the 25th?
8. What do many people choose instead of serving God?
9. What does God promise (the end, not the process)?
10. Which Numbers verse says God is not a man that He should lie?
11. True or False: The cost includes the death of self and surrender of one’s own will.
12. What should believers do despite pain and time?
13. What is the Lord doing for those climbing the steps?
14. True or False: The expected end is guaranteed for those who continue.
15. What is the final encouragement to the reader?

ENJOY YOUR JOURNEY.

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