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TO
SONSHIP EDUCATION:

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Working of what you learn.

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Sonship

(Proverbs 2:1-5)

Merchandise

- Godly skills
 - Experience
 - Prudence
 - Respect
 - Angelic Thinking
 - Trustworthiness
- Honest Attendance (vs. 1-2)
 - Interactive Learning (vs. 3)
 - ***THE*** Top Priority (vs. 4)

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Working of what you learn.
(Proverbs 2:6-20)

- The nature of the curriculum.
(Perfectly suited to do its job.)
- The trustworthiness of the One who wrote it.
(Completely depend upon it to do its job.)
- The value of its effectual working.
(More valuable to attain than anything else.)

SONSHIP CHECKPOINT

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.* (Rom. 12:1)

Measure of the son's Intelligence:



(Rom. 6:1 – 8:13)



(Rom. 8:14-15)



(Rom. 8:16-39)
(Rom. 9-11)



And be not conformed to this world:

conform = to reduce to a likeness in corresponding manners, opinions, and moral qualities.

this world

= the general earthly state of human existence.

~ SONSHIP ~

LEVEL I

Phase 1

(vs. 2)

To know
wisdom and
instruction;

to perceive
the words of
understanding;

Phase 2

(vs. 3)

To receive the
instruction
of wisdom,
justice, and
judgment,
and equity;

WISDOM = the appropriate application of knowledge to a situation with the result that the situation turns out well, profitable, and beneficial.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

To receive *the instruction of wisdom* involves what is consistent & reasonable in our conduct and behavior in view of the knowledge of who we are as adopted sons in God's plan & purpose as members of the new creature, the church, the body of Christ. It involves receiving the instruction of what is honest & true in view of the knowledge of the fundamental manifestation and impact God expects us to make as His sons.

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1) The receiving of a body of information on how to do something that you don't know how to do; with the ability to do something that you don't naturally have the ability to do.

2) This body of information is information that prior to you receiving it, you were totally ignorant of.

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unto me, to every man that is among
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... but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

soberly = not influenced by the thinking of the course of this world – but separated from that corrupt & detrimental influence of the wisdom of men/wisdom of the world.

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the measure of faith = the privilege of being entrusted with the responsibility to serve in a cause or a business; and it's been given or granted by the One who has the cause or the business.

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**... according as God hath dealt to every
man the measure of faith.**

the measure of faith = God has dealt to every
one of us as sons the responsibility from Him,
to labor with Him in what He's doing in His
business!

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The World

Romans 1:1

12:3

- (1) Romans 1:18ff
- (2) Romans 3:9ff
- (3) Romans 5:5ff
- (4) Romans 8:16ff
- (5) Romans 9-11*



office (πρᾶξις [praxis]) = a mode of acting; a doing of a thing.

office = a seat of government or administration – a place from which a **duty** is performed – an *office* is usually **held** and *dealt* to a person.

- An *office* imposes a **responsibility**.
 - An *office* is bestowed upon a man **from his qualifications**.
 - An *office* is a place of **trust**.
 - An *office* imposes a **task** of some performance.
 - An *office* implies that we always have something to do.
 - An *office* is always assigned by another – (I Cor. 12:18).
 - An *office* is always performed by one with the **intelligence** to do so – **who acts according to instruction**.
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George Crabb – “The word *office* is sometimes employed in the same application by the personification of nature, which assigns an *office* to the ear, to the tongue, to the eye, and the like.”

Fundamental Body Attributes (of conduct and behavior)

- 1) I Cor. 12:14-20 – the member (or body part) sees the USE of every other body part!

Selfless-thinking members of a body purposefully acknowledge one another's equal usefulness!

Fundamental Body Attributes (of conduct and behavior)

- 2) I Cor. 12:21-22 – because other members of the body are useful, every member (or body part) purposes to deliberately COOPERATE with every other member.

Members of a body purposefully acknowledge & deliberately determine to cooperate and work with one another for the common good of the body.

Fundamental Body Attributes (of conduct and behavior)

3) I Cor. 12:23-24a – because other members of the body are useful, and every member purposes to deliberately cooperate with every other member – the *honourable* members of the body **SERVE** the *less honourable* members of the body – serving one another.

Fundamental Body Attributes (of conduct and behavior)

- 4) I Cor. 12:24b-26 – a member of the body always purposefully pursues the welfare of every member of the body he ever deals with.

Fundamental
Body Attributes
(of conduct and behavior)

- 1) USEFULNESS
- 2) COOPERATION
- 3) SERVANT
- 4) WELFARE

THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY

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

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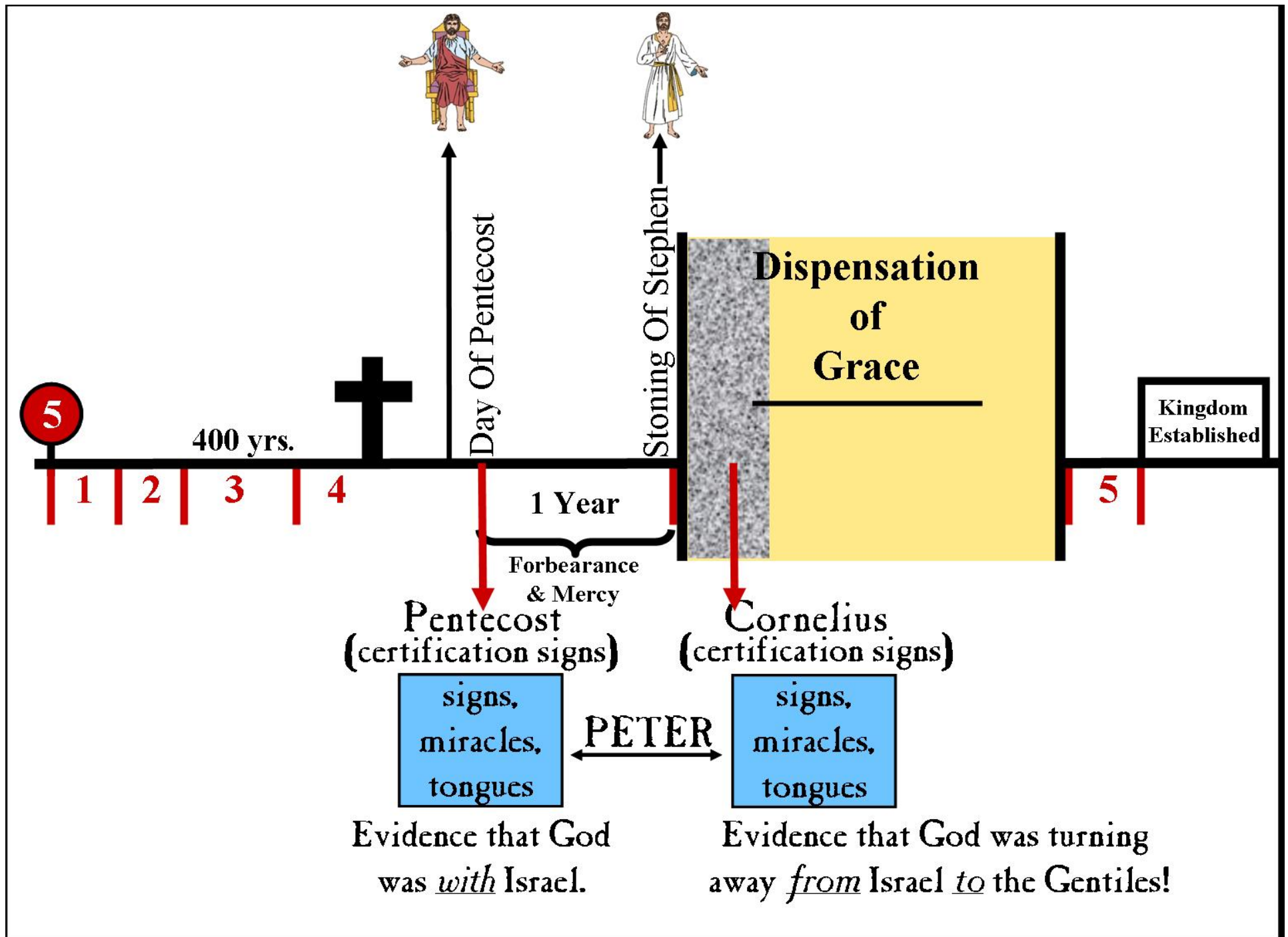
10 But when that which is perfect is
come, then that which is in part shall
be done away.

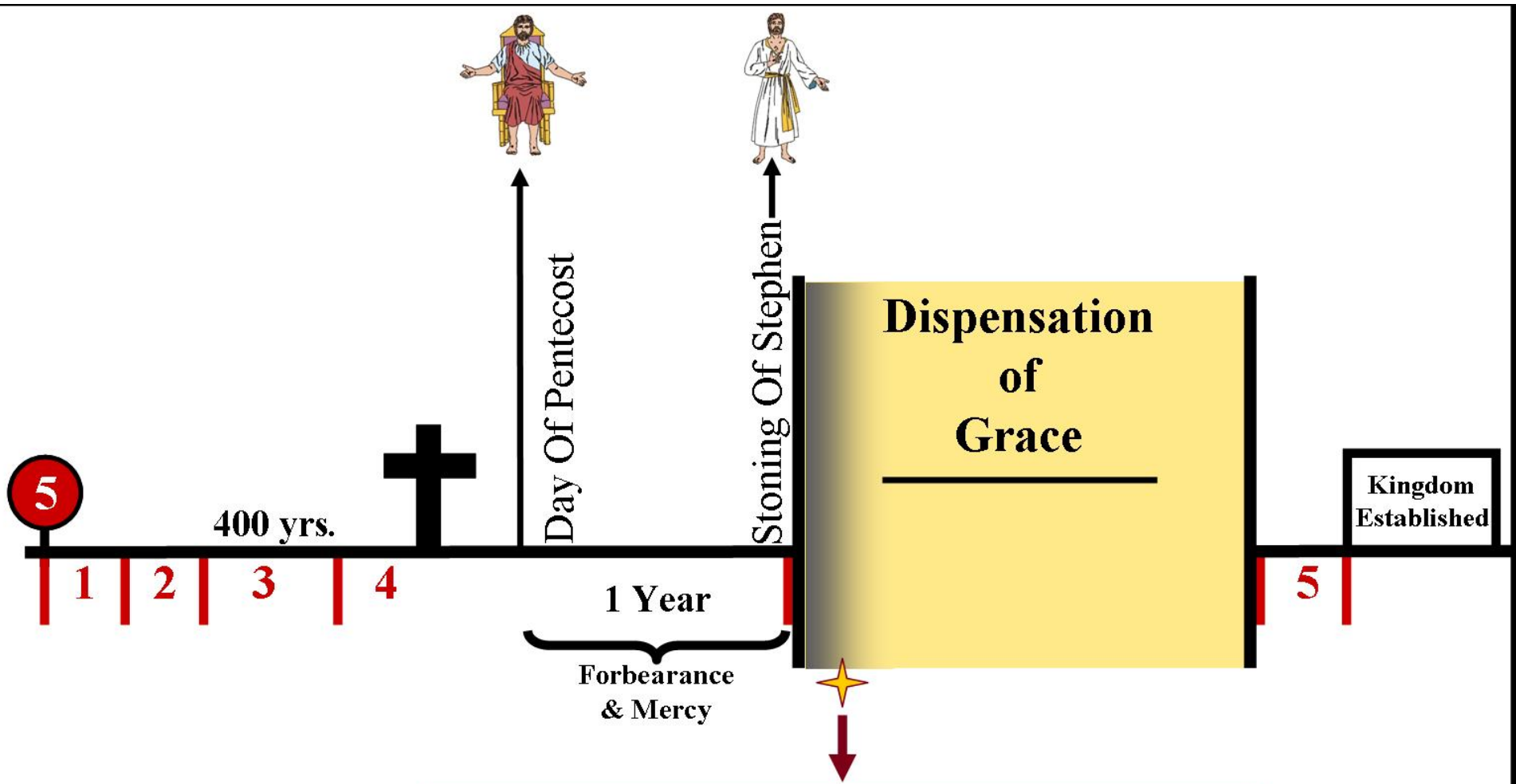
(I Corinthians 13:10)

Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I
would not have you ignorant. (1 Cor. 12:1)

Areas where you can't afford to be "ignorant":

- 1) Spiritual gifts/phenomena naturally pertain to Israel. (Exodus 34:10)
- 2) Bona fide reason why spiritual gifts occurred at the beginning of this dispensation of grace.
- 3) Satan has and still continues to counterfeit spiritual gifts/phenomena.





Paul completes & assembles the Bible:
The more excellent way of that which is perfect is now come: God's complete, written word!

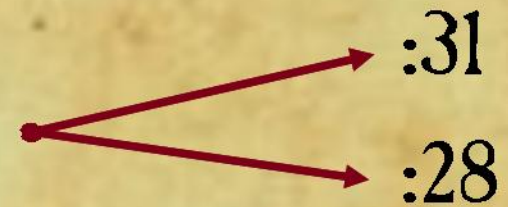
I Corinthians 12:4-31

The Godhead

Amplified upon in:

:6 – God
(The Father)

diversities of
operations



:5 – Lord
(Jesus Christ)

differences of
administrations



:4 – Spirit
(Holy Spirit)

diversities
of gifts



Diversities of the operations of God

Ranking:

OPERATIONS:

- | | | |
|----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| 1) apostles | } | Op. 1) The Communication of God's word. |
| 2) prophets | | |
| 3) teachers | | |
| 4) miracles | | Op. 2) Confirm God working w/ Gentiles. |
| 5) healings | | Op. 3) Confirm God turning from Israel. |
| 6) helps | } | Op. 4) Local Church Orderliness. |
| 7) governments | | |
| 8) tongues | | Op. 5) Final Sign to Unbelieving Israel. |

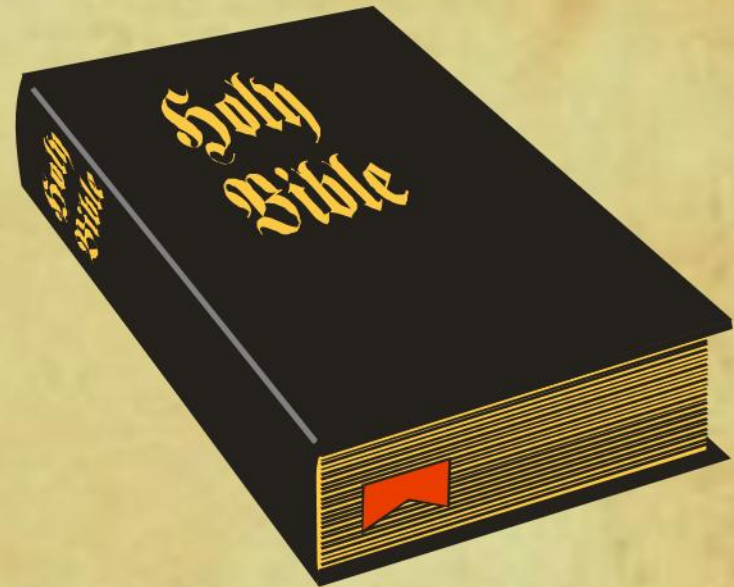
The 'less excellent' way

- that which is in part
- childish
- see through a glass darkly
- I know in part



a more excellent way

- that which is perfect
- manhood
- see face to face
- I know even as I am known



Outline of I Corinthians 14

14:1 – Paul sets forth the right & proper path in order to get godly sonship edification back underway – setting the stage for all that follows in the chapter.

14:2-5 – Paul sets forth the foolishness of speaking in an unknown tongue, in view of the design & purpose for a local church.

14:6-12 – Paul sets forth the foolishness of not benefiting the local assembly by not speaking to edification.

14:13-25 – Paul sets forth corrective doctrine that they may know how to properly conduct themselves now.

14:26-40 – Paul sets forth now to properly run thing in the local assembly in Corinth so as to no longer be victimized by the Satanic Policy of Evil.

God's Grand Design for Godly Edification

The I Corinthians 12:4-31

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:4-5 – Body Attributes: Usefulness; Cooperation; Servant; Welfare

labor

- 1) Prophecy
- 2) Ministry
- 3) Teaching
- 4) Exhortation

- 5) Giving
- 6) Ruling
- 7) Mercy

Edificational
Needs

Practical
Needs

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Practical Needs

labor

give

To Sustain the existence of
the body/local assembly.

simplicity

rule

Supportive/Gracious Action

diligence

mercy

To give Soundness to
the body/local assembly.

cheerfulness

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Rom

:3

:4-5

labor

“The *diligent* man is he who gives sustained attention to any matter which admits of perseverance and interest. It denotes a specific pursuit. *Diligence* signifies the attention we pay to any particular object out of preference to others. *Diligence* is a combination of activity and order. The *diligent* man does not lose a moment, but employs and fills up all his time. It is the indispensable requisite of all ordinary success, especially because, to the *diligent* man, work is not irksome.” (Charles Smith)

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Those are the gifts in which the selfless thinking and the selfless conduct & behavior is most readily able to manifest itself in the function of the offices that the saints are in, in the assembly that they are a part of!

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The Practical Need Offices in view of the Grand Design for Godly Edification

God the Father <i>(operations)</i>	Sustain the existence of the body/ loc. assem.	Orderliness to the body/ loc. assem.	Soundness to the body/ loc. assem.
The Body of Christ <i>(administrations)</i>	Physical/ Material	Regulate/ Manage	Supportive/ gracious action
God the Holy Spirit <i>(offices)</i> <i>(more excellent way)</i>	GIVING	RULING	SHEWING MERCY

LEVEL 1 – Phase 2 – Sonship Education

To receive the instruction

of

WISDOM

GODLY LOVE

love brought into existence

INFORMATION

A “yes” factor – the information is all understood and accepted with all confidence & conviction.

Doing with the doctrine exactly what the doctrine told you to do with it.

POINT:

RESPONDING

POSITIVELY AND PROPERLY!

PROVERBS 3

THE POSITIVE RESPONSE

1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. **BENEFIT**

THE PROPER RESPONSE

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. **BENEFIT**

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THE POSITIVE RESPONSE

(Proverbs 3:1)

My son, forget not my law;

1) A conscious decision/determination to recognize the **ESSENTIAL, VITAL IMPORTANCE** of the information you just learned from your Father (it's *transforming you by the renewing of your mind* – and it's providing for all 3 aspects of godliness to take place); and in view of that, you're determined to have it in 'remembrance' so that it can be **UTILIZED** when it's needed.

THE POSITIVE RESPONSE

(Proverbs 3:1)

but let thine heart keep my commandments:

2) A conscious decision/determination to commune & fellowship with your Father in sonship prayer so as to allow for your human spirit to appreciate the **PRECIOUSNESS** and **VALUE** of the information you just learned from your Father – and from that, your human spirit mechanically gives that information a prominent place in your heart where it doesn't get lost.

THE PROPER RESPONSE

(Proverbs 3:3)

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee:

1) With the newly acquired godly thinking, you will then be given the sonship grace opportunity to put it into practice (both in basic conduct & behavior, and in laboring together with God in something that He's doing) which is to be recognized as a 'merciful' provision that allows for you to live 'truthfully' and honestly as to who you are "in Christ" and in God's plan and purpose – whereupon you determine **NOT** to allow such a sonship grace opportunity to pass you by!

THE PROPER RESPONSE

(Proverbs 3:3)

bind them about thy neck;

2) This is the issue of taking the *mercy and truth* sonship grace opportunity to live & labor with your Father and make the conscious decision to treat it as 'spiritual money' kept in a pouch about your neck in order to 'purchase' the opportunity to put your sonship thinking into practice – and thereby “*redeem the time.*”

THE PROPER RESPONSE

(Proverbs 3:3)

write them upon the table of thine heart:

3) This is the conscious decision to take the “*mercy and truth*” opportunity and make it a permanent part of your ever-looking desire to take advantage of any opportunity to spend your ‘spiritual money’ that comes your way by creating in your heart a ‘list’ of opportunities you want to ‘buy’ or put into practice – whereupon God Himself writes the doctrine upon the fleshy tables of your heart, making it so that the living words of the Living God fully live in you!

INSTRUCTION OF WISDOM: Component #1 – Romans 12:3-8

PRE-DOCTRINAL EXHORTATION

Godly Love Brought Into Existence: Godly Love is Selfless

Thinking
like God

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G o d l i n e s s

Godly Sonship Edification

POST-DOCTRINAL EXHORTATION

(Responding **POSITIVELY & PROPERLY**)

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Labor

LEVEL I – Phase 2 – Sonship Education

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Romans 12:3-16 Godly Love as a Wise Decision-Making Skill

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“dis” = Not

“simulation” = The issue of bringing into existence something that is *similar* to something else.

exhortation

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Failing to fully 'simulate'
something; something that exists as either
a partial simulation, or as a defective
simulation of something.

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thinking

= to shrink back in dread; to regard with horror & extreme repugnance or disgust; to hate utterly; to loathe; abominate; to view something so horrible that it makes you recoil – hating to the highest degree possible.

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= anything that produces or causes pain, distress, loss or calamity; or causes harm; or in any way disturbs the peace, impairs the happiness, or destroys the perfection of others.

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(Part 1) Abhor that which is evil;

-The *evil* that you are to *abhor*, and the *good* that you are to *cleave to* all concerns things that you would do, or things that would happen to others – (specifically to *one another*) or to other saints in the local assembly in which you gather.

thinking

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thinking

-Therefore, a change in your thinking is to take place, whereby you are to *Abhor* (recoil in horror and hate utterly) *that which is evil* – i.e., anything that would cause harm, pain, discomfort or trouble to each other (to another saint).

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(Part 2) **cleave** to that which is good.

= to stick like glue; to adhere or cling to something or someone; to be united; to be strongly attached; to be tightly bound.

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(Part 2) cleave to that which is good.

= things that tend to the happiness or prosperity of another; things that are conducive to the wellbeing, health, advantage, benefit, or profit of another saint in the assembly.

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Noah Webster's 1828 English Dictionary

Kindness = good will; benevolence; that temper or disposition which delights in contributing to the happiness of others, which is exercised cheerfully in gratifying their wishes, supplying their wants or alleviating their distresses.

- Kindness ever accompanies love! -

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affectioned (affection)

living

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living

The critical issue here is that: it's from a belief in the reality of the bond between each one of us in the assembly as one of a **FAMILY-BOND** which comes the **Conduct & Behavior** toward each member of the body of the saints in our local church that would have you now 'on the lookout' for, and having the desire to perceive every opportunity you can find for advancements and increases for other saints in the assembly – and to actually build one another up.

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10b

in **honour** preferring one another;
= when used in the context of an

labor | organization, honour is something that
provides for growth and development in
that organization. The whole idea of
bestowing honour is to increase productivity!

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10b

in honour preferring one another;

prefer = to put forward or advance
in status, rank, or fortune; to promote
(to a position or office of dignity).

labor

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“The idea of exerting one’s influence to the advantage of an object (*others*) is included in the signification of all these terms ...”

– George Crabb

labor

The Practical Need Offices in view of the Grand Design for Godly Edification

God the Father <i>(operations)</i>	Sustain the existence of the body/ loc. assem.	Orderliness to the body/ loc. assem.	Soundness to the body/ loc. assem.
The Body of Christ <i>(administrations)</i>	Physical/ Material	Regulate/ Manage	Supportive/ gracious action
God the Holy Spirit <i>(offices)</i> <i>(more excellent way)</i>	GIVING	RULING	SHEWING MERCY

The Practical Need Offices
in view of the
Grand Design for Godly Edification

God the
Father
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Sustain the
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**The local assembly
becomes strengthened!**

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God the Holy
Spirit *(offices)*
(more excellent way)

GIVING

RULING

**SHEWING
MERCY**

Selfless Godly Love

(vs. 3-8)

vs. 3 – Thinking: Godly love is **Selfless** – (*according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.*)

vs. 4-5 – Living: we are *one body in Christ, and every one members one of another* – Useful, Cooperate, Servant, Welfare.

vs. 6-8 – Labor: Offices – *Giving w/ simplicity; Ruling w/ diligence; Shewing Mercy w/ cheerfulness.*

[The assembly is strengthened.]

Lovingkindness

(vs. 9-10)

vs. 9b – Thinking: Godly love is **Kind** – (*Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.*)

vs. 10a – Living: a Family Bond that looks for every opportunity for advancement & increase for the saints in the assembly.

vs. 10b – Labor: commending one another's labor in the office of their choosing – (*in honour preferring one another;*)

[Capacity to grow & increase.]

furtherance

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INSTRUCTION OF WISDOM: Component #2 – Romans 12:9-10

PRE-DOCTRINAL EXHORTATION – (:9a)

Godly Love is Kind – God’s Lovingkindness installed in His sons.

Thinking
like God

9b Abhor that which is evil;
cleave to that which is good.

Living like God
in
Conduct & Behavior

10a *Be* kindly affectioned one to another
with brotherly love;

Laboring
with God

10b ... in honour preferring one another;

**POST-DOCTRINAL EXHORTATION
(Responding POSITIVELY & PROPERLY)**

Godliness

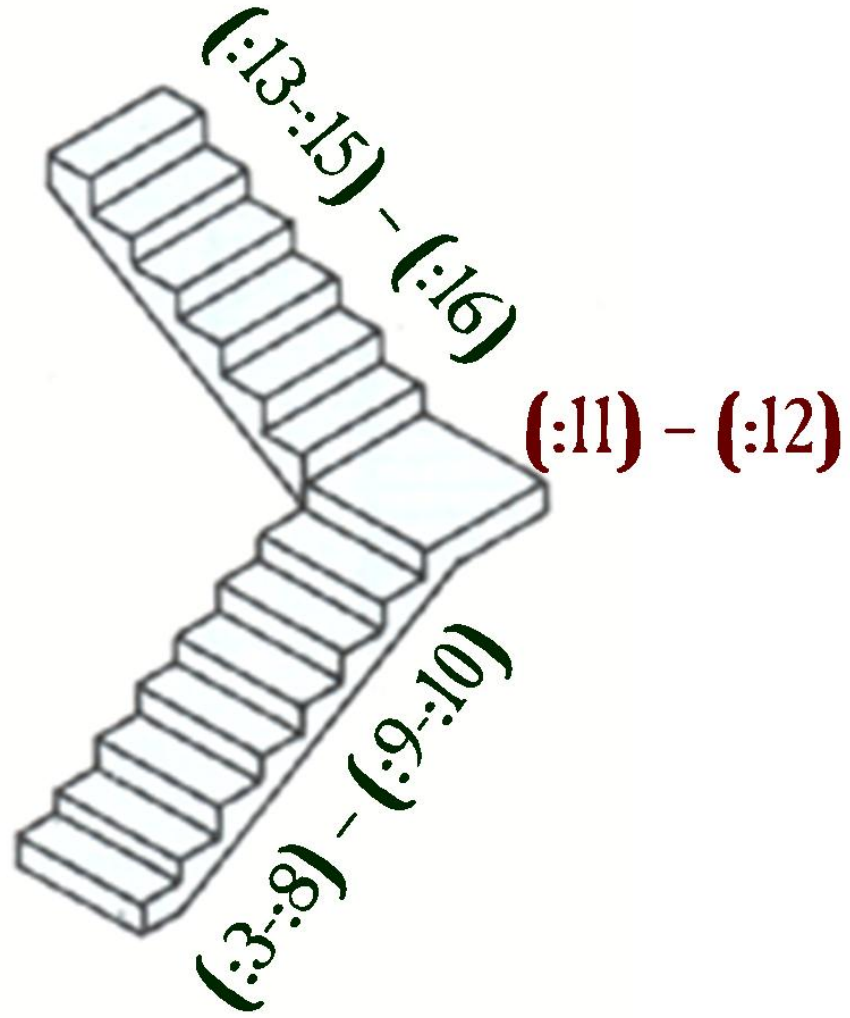
Godly Sonship Edification

To receive the instruction
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Romans 12:3-16 **GODLY LOVE**

3) 12:11 – Godly Lovingkindness outside the local church
and into the world – your job.

11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit;
serving the Lord;



WISDOM

Saints in the
Local Assembly 1 - (:3-8)
2 - (:9-10)

World at-large
(unsaved) 3 - (:11)
4 - (:12)

Saints
&
World at-large
(unsaved) 5 - (:13-15)
6 - (:16)

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¹¹ Not slothful in business; - *Thinking*

fervent in spirit; - *Living* An
ATTITUDE
of

serving the Lord; - *Labor* BEHAVIOR

11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

Godly Thinking

Not slothful in business;

↑ - closely tied - ↓

Godly Living

fervent in spirit;

Godly Labor

serving the Lord;

→ Produces an ATTITUDE!

An “attitude” is a state of mind that’s been generated and brought into existence by VALUES that have been instilled in someone.

→ When things get done *in spirit*, they’re done in connection with an Attitude that’s been produced by Values that have been instilled – and have become the Dominant thing in your Thinking!

Not slothful in business;

BUSINESS

What is business to you, God?

“Business? that’s something *I* created!”

What is the **OPPOSITE** of
slothful to God?

DILIGENCE

Proverbs 12:24,27

- 1) Gen. 2:19-20a **GRAVITY**
- 2) Gen. 2:20b-22 **AMBITION**
- 3) Gen. 2:23-25 **PLEASURE**

INSTRUCTION OF WISDOM: Component #3 – Romans 12:11

PRE-DOCTRINAL EXHORTATION

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Thinking
like God

11 Not slothful in business;

Living like God
in
Conduct & Behavior

fervent in spirit;

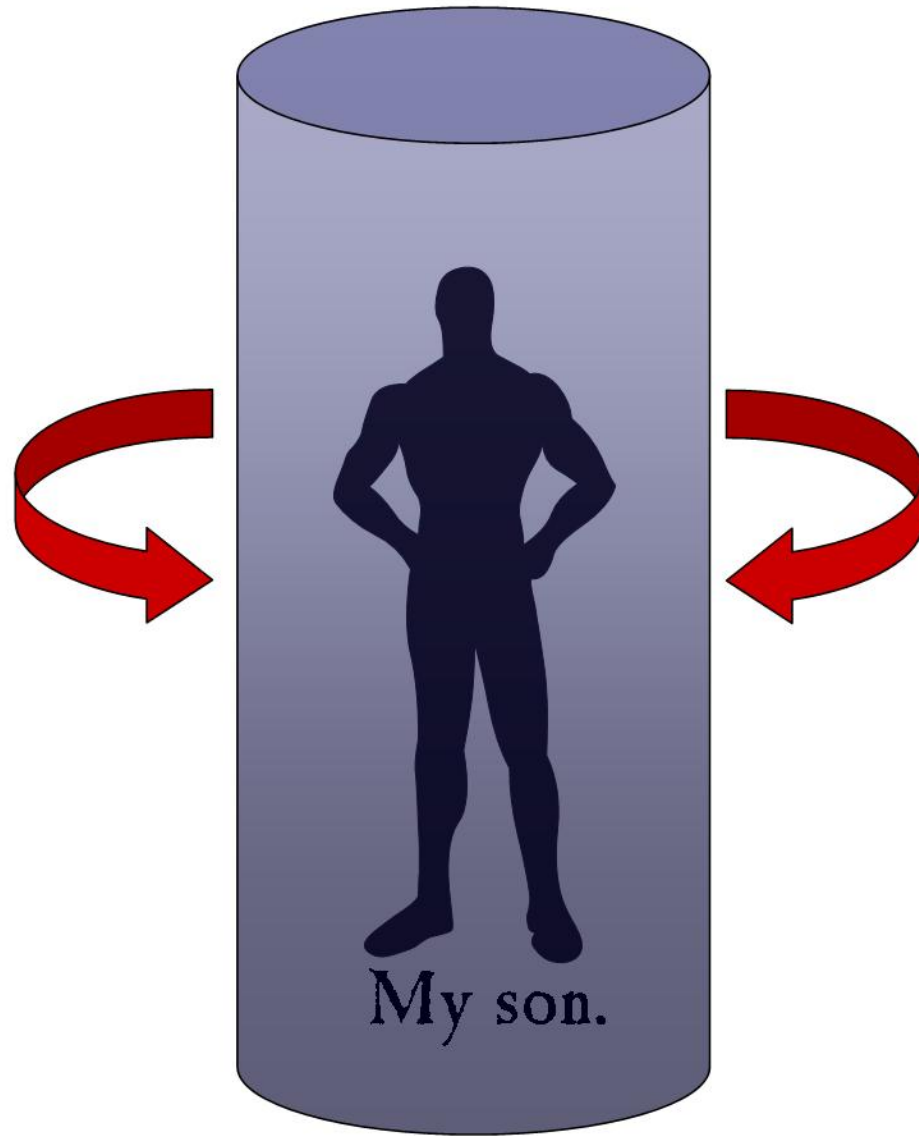
Laboring
with God

serving the Lord;

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POST-DOCTRINAL EXHORTATION
(Responding POSITIVELY & PROPERLY)



To receive the instruction
of
WISDOM

Romans 12:3-16 **GODLY LOVE**

- 4) 12:12 – Godly love in our common circumstances
and situations in the world ‘at-large.’
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12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation;
continuing instant in prayer;

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Thinking
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Romans 8:16

Foundational "hope" Doctrine



the sufferings of this present time

Romans 8:25

Instruction of Wisdom

- 1st Component: Selfless Love
- 2nd Component: Kindness
- 3rd Component: Business world

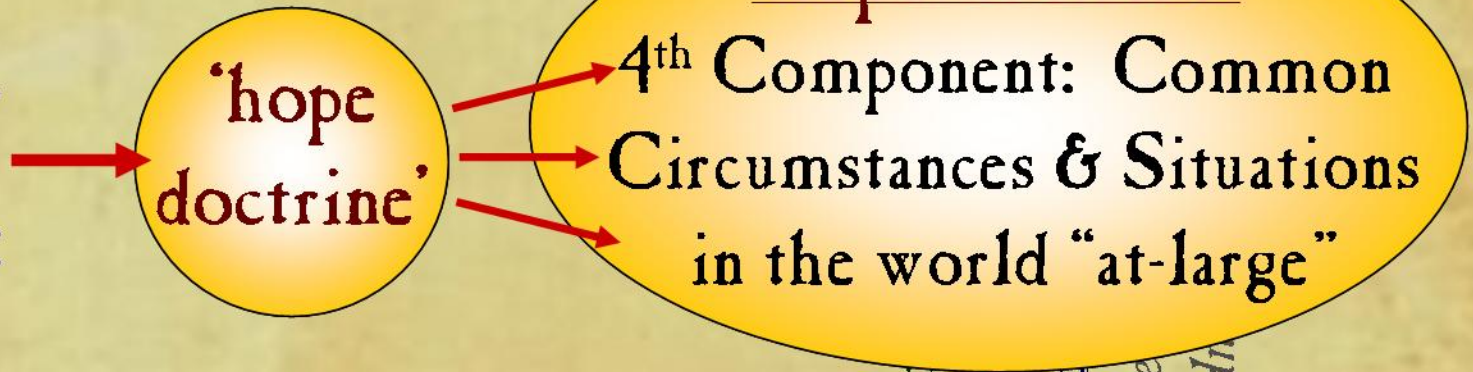
**LOVE-BASED
CONVINCEMENT!**

Romans 8:28

'hope-doctrine'

4th Component: Common
Circumstances & Situations
in the world "at-large"

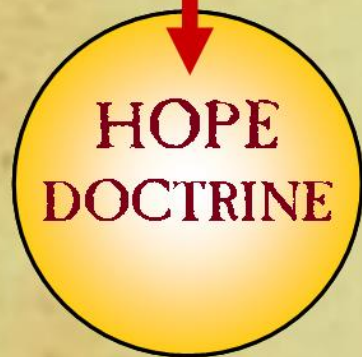
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JUSTIFICATION
(Romans 5:1-10)

Facing the suffering
of the tribulations
of the gospel.

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CONVINCEMENT**

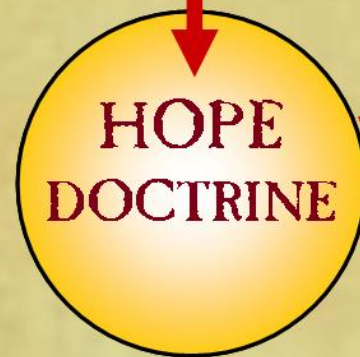


SALVATION!

**SANCTIFICATION
SONSHIP EST.**
(Romans 8:16-25)

*Facing the sufferings
of this present time.*

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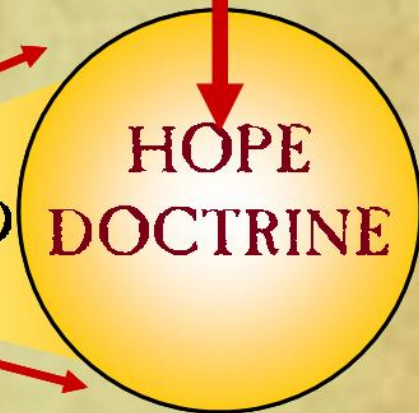


SALVATION!

**SANCTIFICATION
SONSHIP EST.**
(Romans 8:28-39)

Facing the sufferings
of the Adversary & the
Satanic Policy of Evil.

**LOVE-BASED
CONVINCEMENT**



SALVATION!

EXPANDED

Romans 8:28

**LOVE-BASED
CONVINCEMENT!**

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INTELLECTUAL APPEAL

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EMOTIONAL APPEAL

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Expanded
Hope
Doctrine

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Romans 8:39

SALVATION!

Instruction of Wisdom

1st Component: Selfless Love

2nd Component: Kindness

3rd Component: Business world

*Rejoicing in hope;
patient in tribulation;
continuing instant in
prayer; Romans 12:12*

Hope Doctrine

(now comes into play)

4th Component: Common
Circumstances & Situations
in the world "at-large"

INSTRUCTION OF WISDOM: Component #4 – Romans 12:12

PRE-DOCTRINAL EXHORTATION

Godly love in common circumstances & situations in the world 'at-large.'

Thinking
like God

12 Rejoicing in hope;

Living like God
in
Conduct & Behavior

patient in tribulation;

Laboring
with God

continuing instant in prayer;

G o d l i n e s s


Godly Sonship Edification

POST-DOCTRINAL EXHORTATION
(Responding POSITIVELY & PROPERLY)

13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.



	“Saints” (Saved People)	Lost (Unsaved People)
Thinking like God	tenderheartedness	tenderheartedness
Living like God in Conduct & Behavior	Distributing to the necessity of saints;	Given to hospitality.
Laboring with God	Relieving the necessity as much as you're able.	

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14 Bless them which persecute

15 Rejoice with them that do them that weep.

“Saints” (Saved People)

Thinking
like God

tenderheartedness

Living like God
in
Conduct & Behavior

**Distributing to the
necessity of saints;**

Laboring
with God

**Relieving the necessit
as much as you're able**

Necessity = the constraining power of circumstances; a condition or state of things compelling to a certain course of action; a situation that has irresistible power & compulsive force; a circumstance in which you are compelled or driven to act. “*Distributing to the necessity of saints*” is specific as to what is distributed; and specific to the one who receives it.

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		Indifferent Response (:15)

Hospital = a shelter for the needy – a place where people go who have a dire need that they cannot handle themselves.

An environment in which there are people dedicated to dealing with the needs & necessities that other people have that are of a particular nature that they cannot cope with or deal with them on their own – and in which, to continue with the need or necessity would be dangerous or devastating to them.

Hospitality = a tenderhearted, compassionate response to a *necessity*!

*A hospital is an environment
that addresses serious needs!*

*“Hospitality” is the creation of
that environment!*

Ambassador = A minister of the highest rank employed by one prince or state, at the court of another, to manage public concerns of his own prince or state, and representing the power and dignity of his sovereign.
(Noah Webster, 1828)

An official messenger sent by or to a sovereign or public body; an envoy, commissioner, or representative.

A minister of high rank sent by one sovereign or state on a mission to another.
(OED)

Characteristics of an Ambassador

- 1) An ambassador does not appoint himself.
- 2) An ambassador does not support himself.
- 3) An ambassador does not belong to the country where he is sent.
- 4) An ambassador's instructions are in written form.
- 5) An ambassador does not represent or speak for himself.
- 6) An ambassador does not take an insult as personal.
- 7) Recalling an ambassador to his home country is tantamount to war!

13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

A soft answer turneth away
wrath: but grievous words
stir up anger.
(Proverbs 15:1)

Conduct & Behavior

necessity of saints;

Laboring
with God

Relieving the necessity
as much as you're able.

Lost (Unsaved People)

tenderheartedness

Given to hospitality.

Negative Response (:14)

Indifferent Response (:15)

THE 7 VOLITION TESTING POINTS CONTAINED WITHIN “THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST”

Rom. 1:16

Rom. 3:26



1) God Consciousness (1:18-20)

2) Wrath Consciousness (1:18-32)

3) Self Defense of Relative Righteousness (2:1-11)

4) Self Defense of Extenuating Circumstances (2:12-29)

5) Stubborn Negative Responses of the Self-Opposer (3:1-8)

6) Full Prosecution of being “Under Sin” and “Guilty Before God” (3:9-20)

7) The Good News of “The Redemption That Is In Christ Jesus” (3:21-26)

STAGE 1: Charge God's word with being unreliable and irrelevant!

STAGE 2: Charge God Himself with infidelity! (Impugn God's Character)

STAGE 3: Charge God with unrighteousness!

STAGE 4: BLASPHEMY!

Romans 3:1-8

1) What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?

2) Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

3) For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

4) God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

5) But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man)

6) God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world?

7) For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner?

8) And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just.

The “Self-Opposer”

*“And when they **OPPOSED THEMSELVES, AND BLASPHEMED**, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.” (Acts 18:6)*

“OPPOSED THEMSELVES” = $\left[\begin{array}{l} \alpha\nu\tau\iota\tau\acute{\alpha}\sigma\sigma\omicron\mu\alpha\iota \text{ [antitassomai]} = \text{to rage in battle} \\ \text{against; to oppose or resist one's self} \end{array} \right]$

“BLASPHEMED” = $\left[\begin{array}{l} \beta\lambda\alpha\sigma\phi\eta\mu\acute{\epsilon}\omega \text{ [blasphemeo]} = \text{to strike out or smite} \\ \text{with words; any intentional or malicious speech in} \\ \text{which God is defied or offered indignity; to speak} \\ \text{evil of someone} \end{array} \right]$

TWO CRITICAL POINTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SELF-OPPOSER:

- 1) THEY ARE DISHONEST WITH THEMSELVES;**
- 2) THEY ARE DISHONEST WITH GOD’S WORD.**

INSTRUCTION OF WISDOM: Component #5 – Romans 12:13-15

PRE-DOCTRINAL EXHORTATION

Godly Love Among Both Saints and Lost People.

	“Saints” (Saved People)	Lost (Unsaved People)	Godly Sonship Edification ↓ G o d l i n e s s
Thinking like God	tenderheartedness	tenderheartedness	
Living like God in Conduct & Behavior	13 Distributing to the necessity of saints;	given to hospitality.	
Laboring with God	Relieving the necessity as much as you're able.	Negative Response (:14) Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. <hr/> Indifferent Response (:15) Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.	

POST-DOCTRINAL EXHORTATION

(Responding POSITIVELY & PROPERLY)

GODLY SONSHIP EDIFICATION: WISDOM

Godly Thinking

Godly Living

Godly Labor

#1	Godly Love: Selfless	one body in Christ, and every one members one of another	Edif. Needs Office Pract. Needs Office
#2	Kindness (Lovingkindness)	kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love	in honour preferring one another
#3	Not slothful in business (Godly Diligence)	fervent in spirit	serving the Lord
#4	Rejoicing in hope (Hope Doctrine)	patient in tribulation	continuing instant in prayer
#5	Tenderheartedness	Distributing to the necessity of saints given to hospitality	Relieve the necessity
			a) bless, and curse not b) Rejoice/weep (Sympathetic Expediency)

To receive the instruction
of
WISDOM

Romans 12:3-16 **GODLY LOVE**

- 1) 12:3-8 – Godly love brought into existence: GL is selfless.
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- 3) 12:11 – Godly love outside the local church and into the world – your job.
- 4) 12:12 – Godly love in our common circumstances and situations in the world ‘at-large.’
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- 5) 12:13-15 – Godly love among both saints & lost people.
- 6) 12:16 – Godly love among other saints of *low estate*.

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of
WISDOM

Romans 12:3-16 **GODLY LOVE**

6) 12:16 – Godly love among others saints of *low estate*.

16 *Be of the same mind one toward another.
Mind not high things, but condescend to men
of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.*

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Thinking
like God

*Be of the same mind one
toward another.*

Living like God
in
Conduct & Behavior

*Mind not high things, but
condescend to men of low estate.*

Laboring
with God

Be not wise in your own conceits.

ESTATE = [from the French & Latin, meaning
“state” – also, to “set” or “fix.”]

(Web. 1828) In the general sense, fixedness;
a fixed condition or state.

The condition or circumstances of any person
or thing, whether high or low.

(OED) A state or condition in general,
whether material or moral, bodily or mental.
A person's status, standing, position in the
world; degree of rank or dignity; his class,
order or rank in a community.

Mind not high things,



... men of low estate.

ESTATE - Working Definition:

Someone's estate is a condition that someone is in; or the state that someone is in because of things that either pertain to him, belong to him, and/or are possessed by him, that you have to deal with when it comes to dealing with him.

Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit?
there is more hope of a fool than of him.
(Proverbs 26:12)

INSTRUCTION OF WISDOM: Component #6 – Romans 12:16

PRE-DOCTRINAL EXHORTATION

Godly Love Among Other Saints of a low estate.

Thinking
like God

16 Be of the same mind one toward another.

Living like God
in
Conduct & Behavior

Mind not high things, but condescend to
men of low estate.

Laboring
with God

Be not wise in your own conceits.

G o d l i n e s s

Godly Sonship Edification

POST-DOCTRINAL EXHORTATION
(Responding POSITIVELY & PROPERLY)

GODLY SONSHIP EDIFICATON: WISDOM

Godly Thinking

Godly Living

Godly Labor

#1	Godly Love is: Selfless	one body in Christ, and every one members one of another	Edificational Needs Offices Practical Needs Offices
#2	Godly Love is: Kind (Lovingkindness)	kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love	in honour preferring one another
#3	Not slothful in business (Godly Diligence: gravity/ ambitious/pleasure)	fervent in spirit	serving the Lord
#4	Rejoicing in hope (Hope Doctrine)	patient in tribulation	continuing instant in prayer
#5	Godly Love is: Tenderhearted	Distributing to the necessity of saints	Relieve the necessity
		given to hospitality	a) bless, and curse not b) Rejoice/weep (Sympathetic Expediency)
#6	Be of the same mind one toward another.	Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. (Estate Differences)	Be not wise in your own conceits. (Labor w/ your Father's wisdom, not w/ your own conceits.)

GODLY SONSHIP EDIFICATON: WISDOM

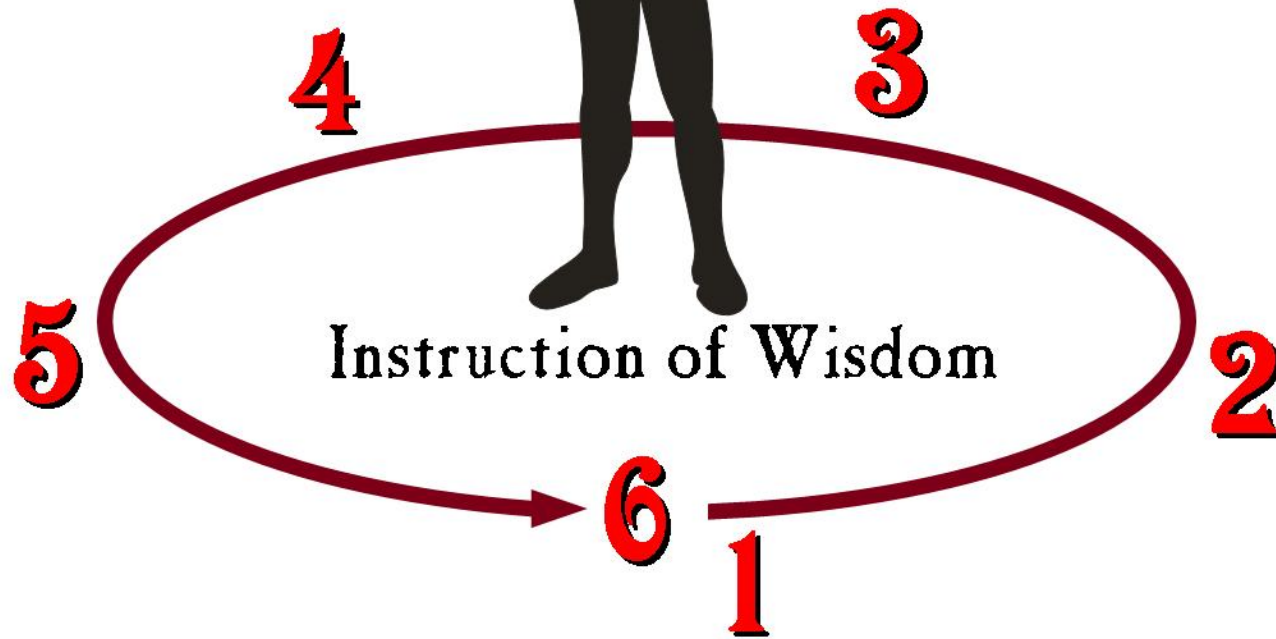
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Godly Living

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#1	Godly Love is: Selfless	one <u>BODY</u> in Christ – (Body Attributes: U.C.S.W.)	Edificational Needs Offices Practical Needs Offices
#2	Godly Love is: Kind (Lovingkindness)	kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love	in honour preferring one another
#3	Not slothful in business (Godly Diligence: gravity/ ambitious/pleasure)	fervent in spirit	serving the Lord
#4	Rejoicing in hope (Hope Doctrine)	patient in tribulation	continuing instant in prayer
#5	Godly Love is: Tenderhearted	Distributing to the necessity of saints	Relieve the necessity
		given to hospitality	a) bless, and curse not b) Rejoice/weep (Sympathetic Expediency)
#6	Be of the same mind one toward another.	Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. (Estate Differences)	Be not wise in your own conceits. (Labor w/ your Father's wisdom, not w/ your own conceits.)

My son.



~ SONSHIP ~

LEVEL I

Phase 1

(vs. 2)

To know
wisdom and
instruction;

to perceive
the words of
understanding;

Phase 2

(vs. 3)

To receive the
instruction
of wisdom,
justice, and
judgment,
and equity;

*My son, let not them depart from
thine eyes: keep sound wisdom
and discretion: (Pro. 3:21)*

*Discretion is a term that is used to give
cautious attention to all the facts and
circumstances of a particular case with a
view to avoiding danger in order to **regulate
the conduct of men.***

*Justice has a lot to do with **regulating
the conduct of men!***

17 Recompense to no man evil for evil.
Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you,
live peaceably with all men.

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves,
but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is
written, *Vengeance is mine; I will repay,*
saith the Lord.

20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed
him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so
doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his
head.

21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome
evil with good.

1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher
powers. For there is no power but of God:
the powers that be are ordained of God.

2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power,
resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that
resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

3 For rulers are not a terror to good works,
but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid
of the power? do that which is good, and
thou shalt have praise of the same:

4 For he is the minister of God to thee for
good. But if thou do that which is evil, be
afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain:
for he is the minister of God, a revenger to
execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

5 Wherefore *ye* must needs be subject, not
only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for
they are God's ministers, attending continually
upon this very thing.

7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute
to whom tribute *is due*; custom to whom
custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom
honour.