

**Bookend:**  
**The**  
**Righteous**  
**ness**  
**of**  
**Christ:**  
**Romans**  
**1:16-17**  
For I  
am not  
ashamed  
of the  
gospel  
of Christ:  
for it is  
the power  
of God  
unto  
salvation  
to every  
one that  
believeth;  
to the Jew  
first,  
and also  
to the  
Greek.  
[17] For  
therein  
is the  
righteous  
ness of  
God  
revealed  
from  
faith  
to faith:  
as it is  
written,  
The just  
shall  
live  
by faith  
  
see Bk:  
by Jerry  
Bridges:  
Bookend.

Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4.. [Bk1: 7 Desires of Every Heart:] M.Laaser. [B2k: 7 Steps to Knowing, Doing and Experiencing the Will of God by T Blackaby, Mike Blackaby, and Daniel Blackaby] [Also See Lonnie & Belinda Riley: <https://www.meridzo.org/about-us>]. [7- I AM verses in the book of John]

**Physical** tangible, concrete, material, relating to the body as opposed to the mind. Subject to the laws of nature. Everything physical is measurable by weight, motion, and resistance. Visible; perception; a human being. Gen 1:27: [Bk1.1. To be Heard and Understood. Being fully listened to..Ps 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Ps 51:10-12] [Bk2.1: God is Always at Work around you.] [John 6:35 I AM the bread of life.]

**Relational:** interactions between individuals and groups, response, comparative; affiliate; being dependable. Family; Power is a relational concept. God's Covenant with us. John 1:14; Matt 5:32. Acts; James. [Bk1: 2. To Be Affirmed: To assert positively; to tell with confidence; to aver; to declare the existence of something; to maintain as true; Of one Jesus whom Paul affirmed to be alive. Acts 25.] [Bk2: 2. God pursues a loving relationship with you.][John 8:12; 9:5 I AM the light of the world.]

**Approval:** acceptance; agreement; consent; compliance; appreciation. Psalm; Matt 5:7; Acts; Romans. [Bk1.3: To Be Blessed; pp. Made happy or prosperous; extolled; pronounced happy; prosperous in worldly affairs; enjoying spiritual happiness and the favor of God; enjoying heavenly felicity.] [Bk2.3: God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.]. [John 10:11, 14 I AM the door of the sheep.]

**Intentional:** clear upfront about what I want to achieve; premeditated; done on purpose; reason; studied; clear; calculated; conscious, considered. 1 Tim 4:14; 1 Pet 4:1; Col 1; Heb 4. [Bk1.4: To Be Safe. Free from danger of any kind; as safe from enemies; safe from disease; safe from storms; safe from the malice of foes. Phil. 3.] [Bk2.4: God speaks by the Holy Spirit.]. [John 10:11, 14 I AM the good shepherd.].

**Spiritual:** The love from God; divine; providence the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical: Wisdom; understanding; counsel; fortitude; might; piety; fear of the Lord. Mk 4:24, 7:15. Eph. [Bk1.5: To Be Touched. Matt.9. To perceive by the sense of feeling. Nothing but body can be touch'd or touch. To influence by impulse; to impel forcibly. The sense of feeling; one of the five senses. Power of exciting the affections. Not alone. He both makes intercession to God for sinners, and exercises dominion over all men, with a true, natural and sensible touch of mercy.] [Bk2.5: God's invitation leads to a crisis of belief.]. [John 11:25 I AM the resurrection and the life.]

**Emotional:** feelings; drives intellect or thought; when triggered, emotions orchestrate systems such as perception, attention, inference, learning, memory, goal choice, motivational priority. Acts 17; Phil. [Bk1.6. To Be Chosen. Selected from a number; picked out; taken in preference; elected; predestinated; designated to office. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood. 1 Pet. 2.] [6. [Bk2.6: You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.] [Jn 14:6 I AM the way, the truth, and the life.]

**Sacrificial:** selfless love for others; holy; giving to the Lord whatever He requires of our time, our earthly possessions and our energies to further His work. 1 John 2:2, 3:16; 1 Pet 1:18-19; Col 1; 1 Pet 1; 1 John 2-5; Heb 7, 9, 13; Phil. [Bk1.7: To Be Included. To comprise; to comprehend; to contain. If there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Rom. 13. [Bk2.7: You come to know God by experience as you obey Him, and He accomplishes His work through you.] [Jn 15:1 I AM the true vine.]

**Bookend:**

**The Power**  
**of the**  
**Holy Spirit:**

**Ephesians**  
**3:16-19**  
That He  
would grant  
you,  
according to  
the riches  
of His glory,  
to be  
strengthened  
with might  
by His Spirit  
in the inner  
man; [17] That  
Christ may  
dwell in your  
hearts  
by faith; that  
ye, being  
rooted and  
grounded in  
love, [18] May  
be able to  
comprehend  
with all  
saints what is  
the breadth,  
and length,  
and depth,  
and height;  
[19] And to  
know the  
love of Christ,  
which passeth  
knowledge,  
that ye  
might be  
filled with  
all the  
fulness  
of God.

**Following After:** Rom 8:4-5; 9:30; 14:19; **127:** Gen 1:27; Phi 1:27; James 1:27; **Better Way:** 1 Cor 12:27, 31; Heb 7:20; 8:6; 9:10-11.  
**Pure** [James 1; Titus 2] **Unspotted** [jm 1:27] **Revelation** [Eph 3; 2 Cor 12] **Enthusiastically** [Rom 12:11; 2 Cor 8:9-13; Eph 6:7; Col3:23]

**Galatians 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, [23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

**2 Peter 1:5-7** ..giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; & to virtue knowledge; [6]& toknowledge temperance;& to temperance patience;&to patience godliness; [7]And to godliness brotherly kindness;and to brotherly kindness charity.

## MATTHEW IMPERATIVES

The following is a list of imperatives/commandments that Jesus spoke to His disciples in Matthew; the New Testament uses indicative statements when discussing what God has done, is doing or will do. Imperative statements are used when saying what we should do. It is important to realize, not only that both moods are present in the Bible, but that there is a specific relationship between these two moods in the area of sanctification. Namely, what God commands us to do (the imperative) is based upon what HE has done, is doing or will do (the indicatives). God is signifying by this consistent pattern that sanctification depends on God, but involves human volition and cooperation. The gospel of Matthew:

4:4, Live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

4:7, Tempt not the Lord thy God.

4:10, Worship the Lord thy God..

4:10, Serve only the Lord thy God.

4:17, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

4:19, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

5:3, Be humble, spiritually bankrupt apart from God  
(Be lost and hopeless apart from divine grace)

5:4, Be mourning over sin, the godly sorrow that produces repentance leading to salvation.

5:5, Be gentle and meek, having self-control empowered by the Spirit.

5:6, Be thirsting after right relationship with God.

5:7, Be merciful.

5:8, Be pure in heart.

5:9, Be peacemakers.

5:11-12, Rejoice and be exceeding glad:

5:16, Let Your Light Shine

5:17, Honor God's Law

5:19b, Do and teach the commandments.

5:23-25, Be Reconciled

5:28-30, Do Not Lust

5:37, Keep Your Word

5:38-42, Go the Second Mile

5:44-46, Love Your Enemies

5:46-48, Be Perfect

6:1-18, Do Diligent Disciplines of Service, Prayer and Fasting

6:19-20: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

6:25: .....Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?"

6:33, Seek 1st the kingdom of God

7:1-3, Judge Not

7:6, Do Not Cast Pearls

7:7, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

7:12, Do Unto Others

7:13-14, Choose the Narrow Way

7:15-16, Beware of False Prophets (A tree and its fruit)

9:37-38, Pray for Laborers

10:8: "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give."

10:16, Be Wise as Serpents

10:28, Fear Not

11:15, Hear God's Voice

11:28-30, Come unto Me, Take My Yoke and learn from Me, find rest

15:4, Honor Your Parents

16:6, Beware of Leaven

16:24: "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."

18:10, Despise Not Little Ones

18:15-17, Go to Offenders

18:21-22, Forgive Offenders

19:4-6, Honor Marriage

20:26-28, Be a Servant

21:13, Be a House of Prayer

21:21-22, Ask in Faith

22:37, Put God first

22:37-40 love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. [38] This is the first and great commandment. [39] And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. [40] On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

23:8: "But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren."

23:9: "And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven."

24:42: "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

25:35-36: "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: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me."

26:41: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

28:19-20, Go ye, 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...