

Series 1 Scripture Supplement

Institute in Basic Life Principles

Attentiveness vs. Unconcern

- *Definition:* Showing the worth of a person by giving undivided attention to his words and emotions
- *Scripture Memory:* "Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away." (Hebrews 2:1)
- *Old Testament:* Samuel's First Prophecy (1 Samuel 3:1-21)
- *New Testament:* Mary at Jesus' Feet (Luke 10:38-42)

Obedience vs. Willfulness

- *Definition:* Freedom to be creative under the protection of divinely-appointed authority
- *Scripture Memory:* "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother,' which is the first commandment with promise: 'that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.'" (Ephesians 6:1-3)
- *Old Testament:* Abraham Sacrifices Isaac (Genesis 22:1-19)
- *New Testament:* Boy Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)

Truthfulness vs. Deception

- *Definition:* Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts
- *Scripture Memory:* "Therefore, putting away lying, 'Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,' for we are members of one another." (Ephesians 4:25)
- *Old Testament:* Micaiah Prophesies the Truth (1 Kings 22:1-40)
- *New Testament:* Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)

Gratefulness vs. Unthankfulness

- *Definition:* Making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life
- *Scripture Memory:* "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- *Old Testament:* Complaining Israelites (Numbers 11)
- *New Testament:* The Grateful Leper (Luke 17:11-19)

Generosity vs. Stinginess

- *Definition:* Realizing that all I have belongs to God and using it for His purposes
- *Scripture Memory:* "But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." (2 Corinthians 9:6)
- *Old Testament:* Boaz meets Ruth (Ruth 2-3)
- *New Testament:* Dorcas' Ministry (Acts 9:36-42)

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Orderliness vs. Disorganization

- *Definition:* Preparing myself and my surroundings so that I will achieve the greatest efficiency
- *Scripture Memory:* "Let all things be done decently and in order." (1 Corinthians 14:40)
- *Old Testament:* Elijah on Mount Carmel (I Kings 18:1-40)
- *New Testament:* Feeding the Five Thousand (Matthew 14:13-21)

Forgiveness vs. Rejection

- *Definition:* Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and allowing God to love them through me
- *Scripture Memory:* "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)
- *Old Testament:* Joseph and His Brothers (Genesis 37, 39-50)
- *New Testament:* The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

Sincerity vs. Hypocrisy

- *Definition:* Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives
- *Scripture Memory:* "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart." (1 Peter 1:22)
- *Old Testament:* Josiah's Reform (2 Kings 22:1-23:30)
- *New Testament:* Mary Anoints Jesus (John 12:1-8)

Virtue vs. Impurity

- *Definition:* The moral excellence and purity of spirit that radiate from my life as I obey God's Word
- *Scripture Memory:* "But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge." (2 Peter 1:5)
- *Old Testament:* Daniel in the Lion's Den (Daniel 6:1-28)
- *New Testament:* The Stoning of Stephen (Acts 6:8-7:60)

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Responsibility vs. Unreliability

- *Definition:* Knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting from me
- *Scripture Memory:* “Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.” (Proverbs 25:19)
- *Old Testament:* Abraham’s Servant Finds a Wife for Isaac (Genesis 24)
- *New Testament:* The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

Patience vs. Restlessness

- *Definition:* Accepting a difficult situation from God without giving Him a deadline to remove it
- *Scripture Memory:* “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.” (James 1:2-4)
- *Old Testament:* The Patience of Job (Job 1-2)
- *New Testament:* The Disciples Waiting at Pentecost (Acts 1)

Initiative vs. Idleness

- *Definition:* Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it
- *Scripture Memory:* “Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before unknown men.” (Proverbs 22:29)
- *Old Testament:* Abigail Meets David (1 Sam 25)
- *New Testament:* Zaccheus Meets Jesus and Makes Restitution (Luke 19:1-10)

Self-control vs. Self-indulgence

- *Definition:* Instant obedience to the initial promptings of God’s Spirit
- *Scripture Memory:* “He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.” (Proverbs 16:32)
- *Old Testament:* David Spares Saul (1 Samuel 24; 26)
- *New Testament:* Christ Resists Temptation (Luke 4:1-15)

Punctuality vs. Tardiness

- *Definition:* Showing high esteem for other people and their time
- *Scripture Memory:* “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.” (Ephesians 5:15-16)
- *Old Testament:* Solomon Builds the Temple (1 Kings 5-6)
- *New Testament:* Ananias Prays for Saul’s Eyes to Open (Acts 9:1-22)

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Resourcefulness vs. Wastefulness

- *Definition:* Wise use of that which others would normally overlook or discard
- *Scripture Memory:* "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." (Matthew 25:21)
- *Old Testament:* David's Resources for Fighting Goliath (1 Samuel 17)
- *New Testament:* Jesus Turns the Water into Wine (John 2:1-12)

Discretion vs. Simplemindedness

- *Definition:* The ability to avoid words, actions, and attitudes which could result in undesirable consequences
- *Scripture Memory:* "Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away from it and pass away." (Proverbs 4:14-15)
- *Old Testament:* Joseph flees from Potiphar's wife (Genesis 39)
- *New Testament:* Paul retracts statements against the High Priest (Acts 23:1-5)

Creativity vs. Underachievement

- *Definition:* Approaching a need, a task, an idea from a new perspective
- *Scripture Memory:* "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established." (Proverbs 16:3)
- *Old Testament:* Gideon and His Three Hundred Men (Judges 7)
- *New Testament:* Zaccheus Meets Jesus (Luke 19:1-10)

Tolerance vs. Prejudice

- *Definition:* Acceptance of others as unique expressions of specific character qualities in varying degrees of maturity
- *Scripture Memory:* "And such were some of you; but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." (1 Corinthians 6:11)
- *Old Testament:* David Tolerates Shimei (2 Samuel 16:5-14)
- *New Testament:* The Sinful Woman is Forgiven (Luke 7:36-50)

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Diligence vs. Slothfulness

- *Definition:* Visualizing each task as a special assignment from the Lord and using all my energies to accomplish it
- *Scripture Memory:* "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men." (Proverbs 22:29)
- *Old Testament:* Nehemiah Builds the Walls (Nehemiah 1:1-6:16)
- *New Testament:* The Gospel Goes to Berea (Acts 17:1-15)

Loyalty vs. Unfaithfulness

- *Definition:* Using difficult times to demonstrate my commitment to God and to those who He has called me to serve
- *Scripture Memory:* "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." (John 15:13)
- *Old Testament:* Jonathan and David (1 Samuel 20)
- *New Testament:* Peter denies Christ (Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75)
Contrast with Peter's confession of Christ (Acts 5:27-32)

Hospitality vs. Loneliness

- *Definition:* Cheerfully sharing food, shelter, and spiritual refreshment with those God brings into my life
- *Scripture Memory:* "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels." (Hebrews 13:2)
- *Old Testament:* The Shunammite Woman and Elisha (2 Kings 4:8-37)
- *New Testament:* Lydia and the Philippian Jailor (Acts 16:11-40)

Sensitivity vs. Callousness

- *Definition:* Exercising my senses so that I can perceive the true spirit and emotions of those around me
- *Scripture Memory:* "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15)
- *Old Testament:* The Servant Girl and Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-19)
- *New Testament:* Jesus and the Samaritan Woman (John 4:1-42)

Enthusiasm vs. Apathy

- *Definition:* Expressing joy in each task as I give it my best effort
- *Scripture Memory:* "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men." (Colossians 3:23)
- *Old Testament:* The Lord Defeats Jehoshaphat's Enemies (2 Chronicles 20:1-30)
- *New Testament:* The Shepherds Visit Baby Jesus (Luke 2:8-20)

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Flexibility vs. Resistance

- *Definition:* Not setting my affections on ideas or plans which could be changed by God or others
- *Scripture Memory:* "A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps." (Proverbs 16:9)
- *Old Testament:* Jonah Resists the Lord (Jonah 1-4)
- *New Testament:* The Flight to Egypt (Matthew 2)

Discernment vs. Judgment

- *Definition:* The God-given ability to understand why things happen
- *Scripture Memory:* "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil." (Proverbs 3:5-7)
- *Old Testament:* Solomon and the Two Mothers (1 Kings 3:16-28)
- *New Testament:* Peter and Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8:9-25)

Cautiousness vs. Rashness

- *Definition:* Knowing how important right timing is in accomplishing right actions
- *Scripture Memory:* "A prudent man sees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished." (Proverbs 22:3)
- *Old Testament:* Joshua and the Gibeonites (Joshua 9:1-27)
- *New Testament:* Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10:1-11:18)

Boldness vs. Fearfulness

- *Definition:* Confidence that what I have to say or do is true and right and just in the sight of God
- *Scripture Memory:* "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." (Acts 4:13)
- *Old Testament:* The Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3:1-30)
- *New Testament:* Peter and John (Acts 4:1-31)

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Dependability vs. Inconsistency

- *Definition:* Fulfilling what I consented to do even if it means unexpected sacrifice
- *Scripture Memory:* “When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; for He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed—Better not to vow than to vow and not pay.” (Ecclesiastes 5:4-5)
- *Old Testament:* David and Mephibosheth (1 Samuel 20:14-17; 2 Samuel 9)
- *New Testament:* Paul’s Faithful Friends (2 Timothy 4)
Contrast with Demas (verse 10)

Thoroughness vs. Incompleteness

- *Definition:* Knowing what factors will diminish the effectiveness of my work or words if neglected
- *Scripture Memory:* “For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it.” (Luke 14:28)
- *Old Testament:* The Details of the Passover (Exodus 12:1-30)
- *New Testament:* The Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:24-29)

Determination vs. Faint-heartedness

- *Definition:* Purposing to accomplish God’s goals in God’s time regardless of the opposition
- *Scripture Memory:* “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.” (1 Corinthians 9:24)
- *Old Testament:* Jacob Wrestles with God (Gen 32:22-32)
- *New Testament:* The Ministry of the Gospel (2 Corinthians 4)

Thriftiness vs. Extravagance

- *Definition:* Not letting myself or others spend that which is not necessary
- *Scripture Memory:* “Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?” (Luke 16:11)
- *Old Testament:* Joseph and the Famine (Genesis 41:14-57)
- *New Testament:* Collection for the Jerusalem Saints (1 Corinthians 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 9)

Availability vs. Self-centeredness

- *Definition:* Making my own schedule and priorities secondary to the wishes of those I am serving
- *Scripture Memory:* “For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 2:20-21)
- *Old Testament:* Noah Builds the Ark (Genesis 6:9-22)
- *New Testament:* Philip Meets the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-40)

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Deference vs. Rudeness

- *Definition:* Limiting my freedom in order not to offend the tastes of those God has called me to serve
- *Scripture Memory:* "It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak." (Romans 14:21)
- *Old Testament:* Abraham Divides Land with Lot (Genesis 13)
- *New Testament:* Paul's Self-Denial (1 Corinthians 9:1-23)

Compassion vs. Indifference

- *Definition:* Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others
- *Scripture Memory:* "But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?" (1 John 3:17)
- *Old Testament:* Pharaoh's Daughter Rescues Moses (Exodus 1:8-2:10)
- *New Testament:* The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

Persuasiveness vs. Contentiousness

- *Definition:* Guiding vital truths around another's mental roadblocks
- *Scripture Memory:* "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one." (Colossians 4:6)
- *Old Testament:* Esther Saves the Jews (Esther 5-8)
- *New Testament:* Paul in Athens (Acts 17:16-34)

Wisdom vs. Natural Inclinations

- *Definition:* Seeing and responding to life situations from God's frame of reference
- *Scripture Memory:* "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." (Proverbs 9:10)
- *Old Testament:* The Queen of Sheba Interviews Solomon (1 Kings 10)
- *New Testament:* Gamaliel's Advice (Acts 5:33-39)