

MESSAGE

Occasion : Sunday Lighthouse Coming Together
Theme : Being Joined Together, Each Part Effectually Working to Edify the Ekklesia the Love of Christ
Venue : Lighthouse BBC Tatalon / Online Live Streaming
Date : August 22, 2021

**TITLE : BEST BIBLICAL PRACTICES DURING PERILOUS TIMES
BEST BIBLICAL PRACTICES DURING TIMES OF STRESS AND DISTRESS
(BEST BIBLICAL PRACTICES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID19)**

Text/s :

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KJV

Bible Reading :

1 Thess 5:1-23

1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

16 Rejoice evermore.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

19 Quench not the Spirit.

20 Despise not prophesyings.

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

KJV

Song/s :

- Press On
- To the Work

By Fanny Crosby

1 To the work! to the work! we are servants of God,
Let us follow the path that our Master has trod;
With the balm of His counsel our strength to renew,
Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.

Refrain:

Toiling on, toiling on,
Toiling on, toiling on:
Let us hope, let us watch,
And labor till the Master comes.

2 To the work! to the work! let the hungry be fed;
To the fountain of life let the weary be led;
In the cross and its banner our glory shall be,
While we herald the tidings, "Salvation is free!" [Refrain]

3 To the work! to the work! there is labor for all;
For the kingdom of darkness and error shall fall;
And the name of Jehovah exalted shall be,
In the loud-swelling chorus, "Salvation is free!" [Refrain]

4 To the work! to the work! in the strength of the Lord,
And a robe and a crown shall our labor reward;
When the home of the faithful our dwelling shall be,
And we shout with the ransomed, "Salvation is free!" [Refrain]

- Make Me A Blessing

Other references :

2 Thess 2

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4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:
14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.
16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,
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INTRODUCTION

I am really saddened by the figures regarding the Covid19 cases in our beloved Philippines these 2 days, yesterday and today...

If you have not known this, you should realize that these figures are the highest ones since the start of the Covid19 pandemic last year.

See the summary for today and yesterday's tally:

>> 33,925 - Total new cases in 2 days with average positivity rate of 25.65. (To think that today, 4 laboratories were not even able to submit their report).

>> 715 - Total deaths in 2 days. (Even sadder to think that I know 4 people in this number although they may not be from LighthouseBBC).

In my messages tomorrow, I will preach on the message, Best Biblical Practices to Beat COVID19, the Lord willing.



DOH COVID-19 CASE BULLETIN # 528

AGOSTO 21, 2021

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<p>MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING AGOSTO 19 DATOS NGAYONG AGOSTO 21 AYON SA REPORTS NOONG AGOSTO 19</p>	<p>HALOS 97.2% ANG MILD AT ASYMPTOMATIC NA KASO!</p>	
<p>25.2% PORSYENTO NG MGA NAGPOSITIBO</p>	<p>65,808 BILANG NG TINEST</p>	

KABUUANG PILIPINAS PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?	NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?	KALAGAYAN NG MGA AKTIBONG KASO
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UPDATE AND MESSAGE OF THE DAY

Para sa kaligtasan ng lahat, sunding mabuti ang ating **Minimum Public Health Standards**. Agad na ding makipag-ugnayan sa **BHERTS** o sa **One COVID Referral Center** sa oras na makaramdam ng anumang sintomas ng COVID-19. Laging nakahanda ang mga serbisyong ito na maghatid ng karampatang gabay. Maaabot ang One COVID Referral Center sa **1555, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o sa 0919-977-3333**.

Para sa iba pang pangangailangang medikal, nariyan din ang telemed services mula sa ating mga telemedicine partners at mga pasilidad. Puntahan ang <http://bit.ly/DOHTelemedicine> upang malaman kung papaano maabot ang serbisyo ng ating **Telemedicine Service Providers**, at ang <http://bit.ly/DOHHospitalHotlines> para maabot ang ating mga ospital sa lalong mabilis na panahon.

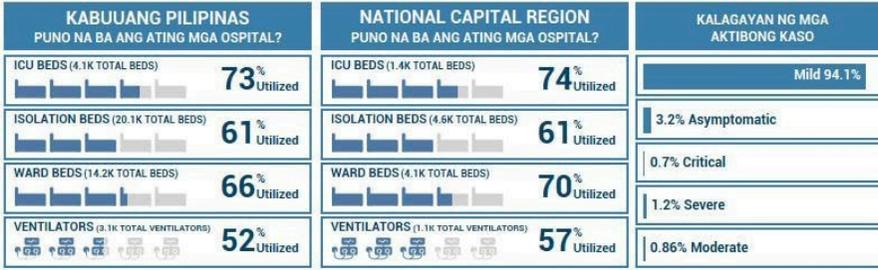
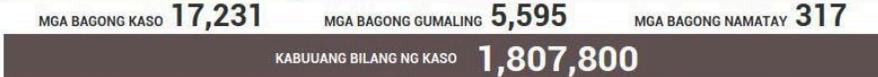
<p>Ihanap ka namin ng lugar para mag-isolate o magpagamot, tumawag lang sa sumusunod: SMART: 0919 977 3333 GLOBE: 0915 777 7777 TEL NO: (02) 886 505 00</p>	<p>May tanong ukol sa COVID-19? I-chat na si KIRA! VIBER: Kira Kontra COVID by DOH MESSENGER: Department of Health PH KONTRACOVID PH: kontracovid.ph</p>	<p>Manatiling ligtas! I-download ang StaySafe App O Gamiting ang WEBAPP at pumunta sa Staysafe.ph</p>
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DOH COVID-19 CASE BULLETIN # 524

AGOSTO 20, 2021

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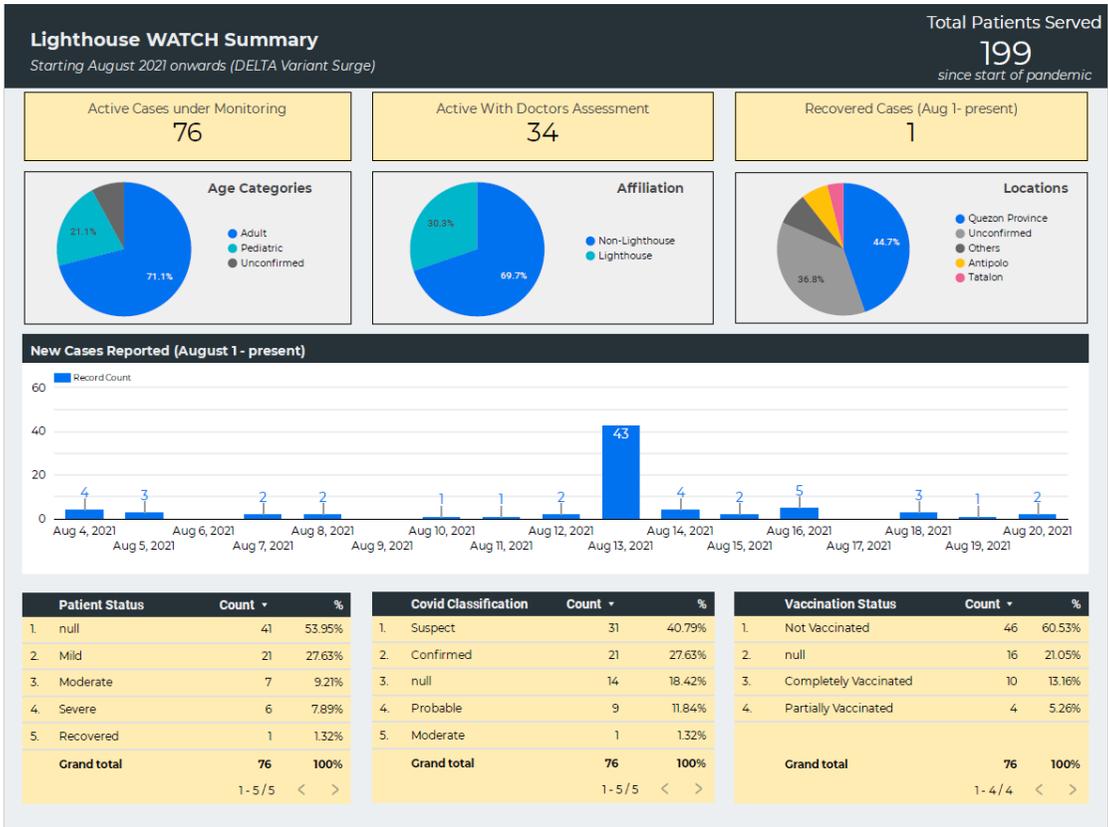
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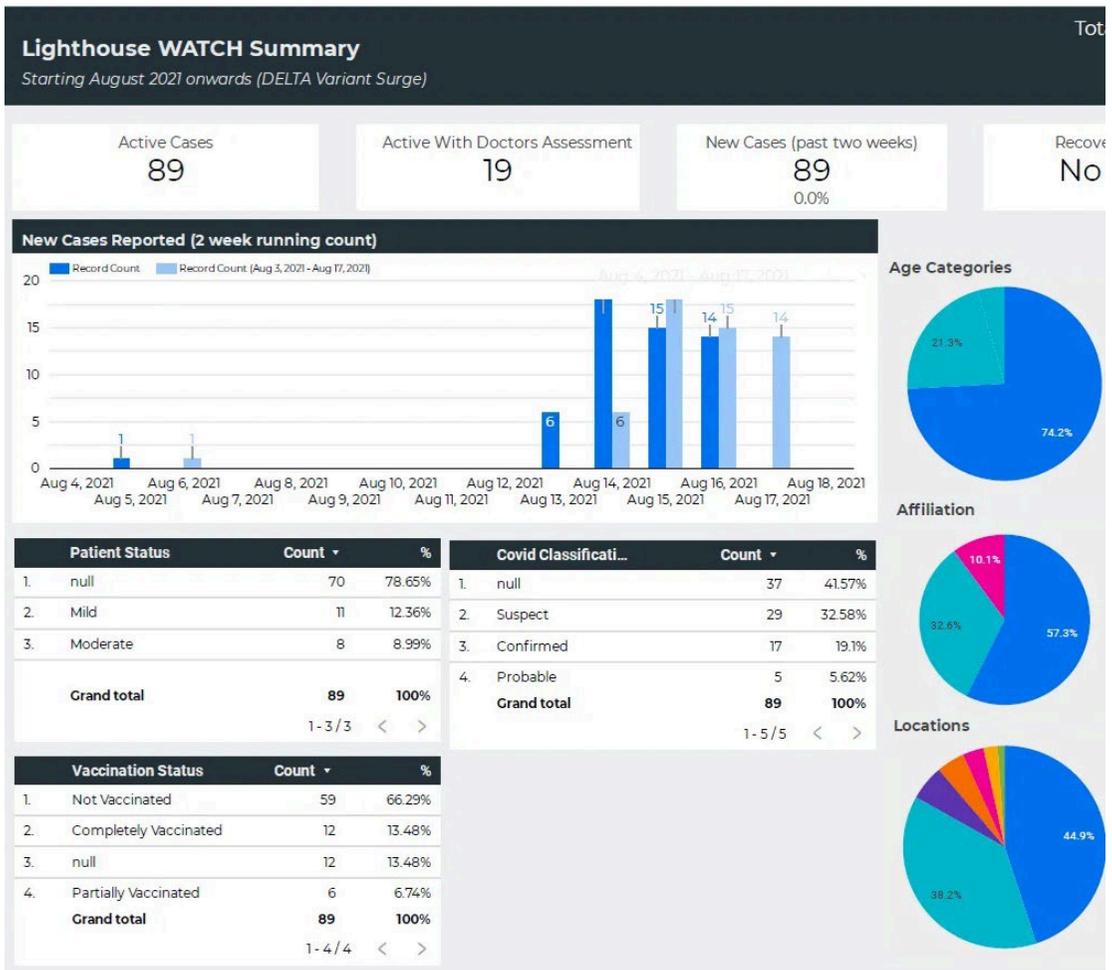
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Mga kapatid, I take this initiative to share with you part of the report if our Lighthouse WATCH. Akala kasi ng ilan, parang laro-laro lang ang aming Lighthouse WATCH. Ngayong mga oras na ito, we have about 100 patients being attended to online ng aming doctors and nurses. 95% of these are non-Lighthouse, at tingnan nyo ang data... 67% sa kanila ay UNVACCINATED. People who do not care to know about Covid, and who care less to be vaccinated, when they get infected, it is sad that sometimes, it's too late for them. Mas pinapaniwalaan pa ang mga post sa social media kaysa sa may ginagawa katulad ng Lighthouse. Hindi lang pami-pamilya ang cases ngayon. Church-church na ang cases.

Wag nyo lng pls iforward ang info na ito. Internal namin ito sa mga members ng LWatch.





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What causes the stress and distress? What makes this time perilous?

Wars?

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Evil world?

Matt 24:12

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Burdens, temptations?

Matt 18:7

7 Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

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7 Woe to the world for such temptations to sin and influences to do wrong! It is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the person on whose account or by whom the temptation comes!

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To whom did the Lord pronounce woes? Were these woes pronounced against the evil Romans? The corrupt publicans? The immoral Samaritans?

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They are during these times when burdens and temptations come. Snares. Offences. They definitely come.

Luke 17:1

17 Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come!

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Luke 17:1

1 AND [Jesus] said to His disciples, Temptations (snares, traps set to entice to sin) are sure to come, but woe to him by or through whom they come!

AMP

But we have the Spirit, the word of truth to teach us.

John 16:13-14

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

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Matt 24:3-12

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The perilous times should not be new to us. They have been here for centuries and generations. Ever since the Lord ascended to glory, the perilous times have been here and it continues...

What we have in ur generation today is just one of them... but the end is not yet, the Lord said..

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2 Tim 3:12-14

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

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2 Tim 3:16-17

16 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.

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1 BUT UNDERSTAND this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].

2 For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane.

3 [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.

4 [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.

5 For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].

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Best Biblical Practice During Times of Distress and Stress

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A) The negative Biblical practices. Turn away.

1) Turn away from those who only love themselves

Eph 3:17-19

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.

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Eph 5:2

2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

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1 John 4:9-12

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

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Gal 2:20

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.

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2 Cor 5:14-15

14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

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Gal 5:6

6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

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1 John 3:16-18

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

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1 John 4:19-21

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

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1 John 5:1-3

1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

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1 Peter 1:8

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

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Heb 6:10

10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

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Eph 6:24

24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

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1 Cor 16:22

22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

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Matt 24:12

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

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2) Turn away from the covetous.

Col 3:5

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

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2 Peter 2:3

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.

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2 Peter 2:14-19

14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; **beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices;** cursed children:

15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.

17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

18 **For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.**

19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: **for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.**

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Jude 11-13

11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

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3) Turn away from the boasters

Ps 49:6

6 They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

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James 4:13-17

13 Go to now, ye that say, **To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:**

14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

16 But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.

17 **Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.**

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4) Turn away from the proud

1 Tim 6:3-5

3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

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5) Turn away from the blasphemers

1 Tim 1:19-20

19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

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2 Peter 2:10-12

10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government.

Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

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6) Turn away from the disobedient to parents

Matt 15:5-9

5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;

6 And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,

8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

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7) Turn away from the unthankful

Ps 107:31

31 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

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Rom 1:21

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

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1 Tim 5:4

4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

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8) Turn away from the unholy

1 Peter 2:9

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:

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1 Peter 1:16

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

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Titus 1:15-16

15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.
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3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

3 [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.

9) Turn away from those without natural affection

2 Tim 3:3

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2 Tim 3:3

3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, uncontrolled, brutal, hateful of good,

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Rom 1:31

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

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11) Turn away from false accusers

Titus 2:3

3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

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12) Turn away from the incontinent

2 Peter 2:14

14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

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2 Tim 3:3

3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, uncontrolled, brutal, hateful of good,

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13) Turn away from the fierce

Always angry.

14) Turn away from those who despise the good

Haters of what is good.

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

4 [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.

15) Turn away from traitors.

2 Tim 3:4

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16) Turn away from the heady

2 Tim 3:4

4 [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.

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2 Peter 2:10

10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

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17) Turn away from the highminded

Conceited. Those who discriminate.

1 Tim 6:17

17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

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Jude 8

8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

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1 Tim 4:2

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

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18) Turn away from those who are lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God

2 Tim 3:4

4 [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.

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Rom 16:18

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.

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Phil 3:18-21

18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

21 Who shall change our vile body, that it ma

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James 5:5

5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

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5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

5 For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].

19) Turn away from those who have a form of godliness but who deny the power thereof.

Titus 1:16

16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

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B) The Biblical positive practices

1) Continue and press on.

2 Tim 3:14

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

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2 Tim 3:10-14

10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

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2 Tim 1:13

13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

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1 Tim 4:16

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.

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Phil 3:13-15

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

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2) Be furnished by the word. Be edified.

2 Tim 3:16-17

16 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.

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1 Cor 14:17

17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

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1 Cor 14:26

26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

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1 Cor 14:12

12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

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3) Preach the word. Grow in grace and knowledge

2 Tim 4:2

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

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2 Tim 4:2-4

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

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Col 1:28

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

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2 Peter 3:18

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.

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Titus 2:15

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

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4) Do the ministry. Serve Christ.

2 Tim 4:5

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

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2 Tim 4:5-8

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

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

8 Henceforth 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.

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Gal 5:13

13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

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CONCLUSION