

PRAYERS  
*for our*  
CHILDREN

## **Scripture to Know & Love God and His Word**

God's Word will guide you	Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105
Pursue knowledge of Jesus	But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18
God's Word is useful	All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
God's Word is alive and active	For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12
Submit to God	Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7
To know God is eternal life	And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17:3
Seek God and you will find Him	I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. Proverbs 8:17

## **Scripture about who God is**

God is love	Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4:8
God is the creator of all things	In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1
God is creative	The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Psalm 19:1
God will fight for me	for the LORD your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory. Deuteronomy 20:4
God will be near to me	Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. James 4:8
God is a promise keeper	For the LORD your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them. Deuteronomy 4:31
God is not partial	For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. Deuteronomy 10:17

God's ways  
are perfect

For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness. For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. 2 Samuel 22:29-31

God does  
not lie

God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it? Numbers 23:19

God is light

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5

God provides a way  
to escape  
temptation

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

God is patient

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

God gives good gifts

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights James 1:17a

God never changes	with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. James 1:17b
God loves me	For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16
God will provide for me	Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Matthew 6:26
God's ways are perfect	This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. Psalm 18:30
God is my rock and refuge	For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God? This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless. 2 Samuel 22:32-33
God will give me wisdom	If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. James 1:5
There is no one like God!	Who is like the Lord our God... Psalm 113:5a

# **“Roman Road” Gospel Presentation**

The Bible is an account of God’s plan for Salvation. The entire Bible points to Jesus and tells this story. The “Roman Road” to salvation is a selection of Bible passages from Romans that presents the Gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus. It is a simple and powerful way of explaining the good news. If you are marking up a Bible to share with your child or preparing a journal for them, this Q&A with passages from Romans is extremely powerful.

Q: I consider myself a “good person”...won’t that be enough?

as it is written: **“None is righteous, no, not one; -Romans 3:10**

**for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God - Romans 3:23**

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so **death spread to all men because all sinned—Romans 5:12**

Q: Is sin really THAT much of a problem? What is the big deal?

For the **wages of sin is death**, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 6:23

Q: Why would Jesus willingly die in my place?

but God shows **his love for us** in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - Romans 5:8

Q: How can I be saved?

because, if you **confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead**, you will be saved. For **with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.** - Romans 10:9-10

Q: Does this count for ME?

...**everyone** who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. -  
Romans 10:13

Q: What is the result of salvation? What does it mean for me?

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. - Romans 5:1-2

There is therefore **now no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus. -Romans 8:1

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, **nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God** in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 8:38-39

For by **grace** you have been **saved** through **faith**.

And this is not your own doing; is the **gift** of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9

For God so **loved** the world, that he **gave** his only Son, that whoever **believes** in him should not perish but have **eternal life**. – John 3:16

## **Scripture about who GOD SAYS you are**

You are created in the image and likeness of God	So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27
You are fearfully and wonderfully made	I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. Psalm 139:14
You are more than a conqueror	No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. Romans 8:37
You are no longer a slave to sin	We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. Romans 6:6
You are a child of God	But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, John 1:12  See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. 1 John 3:1  for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. Galatians 3:26
You are not condemned	There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1
You can never be separated from God's love	For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

You are one with Christ	But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. 1 Corinthians 6:17
You are chosen to bear fruit that lasts	You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. John 15:16
You are in community with other believers	...so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Romans 12:5
You are chosen, holy, royal; a special possession of God	But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9
You have wisdom from God	And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 1 Corinthians 1:30
Your work is not in vain	Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58
You are a new creation	Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17
You are a friend of God	No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:15

You are for the praise of his glory	so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:12
You have every spiritual blessing	Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, Ephesians 1:3
You are redeemed and forgiven of all of your sins	In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, Ephesians 1:7
You are clothed and one in Christ	For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:27-28
You have Christ living in you	I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20
You are chosen	In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, Ephesians 1:11
You have been seated in the heavenly realms	and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, Ephesians 2:6
You are God's handiwork; you are created for good works	For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

You are near to God	But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. Ephesians 2:13
The Holy Spirit lives in you	In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. Ephesians 2:22
You are a Temple	Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
You may approach God with freedom and confidence	in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. Ephesians 3:12
You are light	for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light Ephesians 5:8
Your true citizenship is in Heaven	But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, Philippians 3:20
You have been given power, love, and self-control	for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7
All your needs will be met in Jesus	And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19
You are held together by God	And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:17
You have hope of glory	To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:27

# Scripture about Faith, Fear & Anxiety

- Fear is not from God. For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7
- Jesus gives peace. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27
- Find refuge and strength in God. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1  
God is with us. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4
- God will be with you WHEREVER you go. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9
- God will not leave you or forsake you. The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Deuteronomy 31:8
- God will come for you and save you. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Isaiah 35:4
- God will console you. When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul. Psalm 94:19
- Do not worry about the future. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. Matthew 6:34

You are God's; He knows you by name.

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. Isaiah 43:1

God can deliver you from your fears.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4

Nothing can separate us from God's love.

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

God is your stronghold.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

You can cast your anxieties on Jesus.

casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

God is on your side.

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? Psalm 118:6

God will not leave you or forget you.

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6

When afraid, put your trust in God.

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? Psalm 56:3-4

God will strengthen you, help you, hold you up.

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

Perfect love casts out fear. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 1 John 4:18

Turn your anxiety into prayer and gratitude. do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Those who trust in the Lord are safe. The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe. Proverbs 29:25

Blessings come from suffering for righteousness. But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 1 Peter 3:14

The Lord fights for you. You shall not fear them, for it is the LORD your God who fights for you. Deuteronomy 3:22

Believe over fear. But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." Mark 5:36

# Psalm 91

He who dwells in the **shelter** of the Most High  
will abide in the **shadow** of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> I will say to the LORD, “**My refuge and my fortress,**  
my God, in whom I **trust.**”

<sup>3</sup> For he will **deliver** you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence.

<sup>4</sup> He will **cover** you with his pinions,  
and under his **wings** you will find **refuge**;  
his faithfulness is a **shield** and **buckler**.

<sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,

<sup>6</sup> nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

<sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.

<sup>8</sup> You will only look with your eyes  
and see the recompense of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your **dwelling place**—  
the Most High, who is my **refuge**—

<sup>10</sup> no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you  
to **guard** you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> On their hands they will **bear you up,**  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

<sup>14</sup> “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will **deliver** him;  
I will **protect** him, because he knows my name.

<sup>15</sup> When he calls to me, I will **answer** him;  
I will **be with** him in trouble;  
I will **rescue** him and **honor** him.

<sup>16</sup> With long life I will **satisfy** him  
and show him my **salvation.**”

## **Scripture about Purpose, Path & Comparison**

God has prepared good works for you to walk in.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.  
Ephesians 2:10

God has good plans for you.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.  
Jeremiah 29:11

God's plans will stand.

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.  
Proverbs 19:21

God will fulfill His purpose for you.

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. Psalm 138:8

God works for your good for His purpose for you.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28.

God has chosen you to bear good fruit.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. John 15:16

God is faithful...He will equip you where He calls you.

He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.  
1 Thessalonians 5:24

Press on in your calling.

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:14

God is working in you.

for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Philippians 2:13

God desires you to have an abundant life.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10

God will help you fulfill your purpose if you seek Him.

I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me. Psalm 57:2

Good things take time.

For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. Habakkuk 2:3

Fan into flame the gifts of God in you.

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:6-7

Do not neglect the gifts God has given you. Practice them. Immerse yourself in them.

Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. 1 Timothy 4:14-15

God's purposes won't be thwarted.

I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. Job 42:2

You are who you are and where you are for a God-ordained purpose.

For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this? Esther 4:14

Examine YOUR OWN work and actions.

But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load. Galatians 6:4-5

Comparison often leads to jealousy, which leads to disorder.

For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. James 3:16

Diligently do the work given to YOU.

and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, 1 Thessalonians 4:11

Envy rots at the core.

A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones rot. Proverbs 14:30

Jealously is a sign of a life not lived for God, but for the world.

For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? 1 Corinthians 3:2

Jealousy is a sign of a love for the world and things of the world.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1 John 2:15

Look to God – not others – for what is good, acceptable, and perfect.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

Celebrate others instead of comparing.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Philippians 2:3

Seek God's approval, not the approval of others.

For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. Galatians 1:10

Trust God for direction, not what others are doing or saying you should do.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Rather than looking to others, look within to test your faith.

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. 2 Corinthians 13:5

## **Scripture about Hurt, Waiting, and Forgiveness**

Jesus has overcome any trial the world throws at us. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

Better days are coming. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. Romans 8:18

We can get through hard times with Christ. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

Trials can have a valuable purpose. Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4

Trials help us learn to rely on God’s strength. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:8-10

Trials can give us empathy to help others. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Trials can help refine us.

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:6-7

Our trials can be used by God for good.

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Trials and suffering have a purpose.

More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:3-5

Believe that God can help you through your trials.

And Jesus said to him, "If you can't! All things are possible for one who believes." Mark 9:23

God is near to you in your trials and suffering.

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:17-18

Trust God to guide you in your trials.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Trials give us a clearer vision of God.

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; Job 42:5

Find rest in God in your trials.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

There is a reward for enduring trials.

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. James 1:12

After suffering comes restoration and strength.

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 1 Peter 5:10

Grow in love and faith during difficult times.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Forgive one another

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13

God forgives us when we confess

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Forgiveness	For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. Matthew 6:14-15
Forgive those who repent	So watch yourselves. "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them." Luke 17:3-4
Be kind, compassionate, forgiving of one another	Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:31-32
Don't delay forgiveness	And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." Mark 11:25
Wait on the Lord	"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning." Psalm 130:5-6
Strength will come to those who wait on the Lord	but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

## **Scripture about Relationships & Community**

Love in community and friendships looks like this...

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Strong friendships help each other withstand attacks.

And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken. Ecclesiastes 4:12

Friends bear each other's burdens.

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Believers should spend time with each other, encouraging their passions and callings.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25

Friendship among believers is good and pleasant!

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1

When believers are together, God is there.

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:20

Christian community is made up of many unique members with unique roles.

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Romans 12:4-5

Friends support one another, forgive one another and love one another.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Colossians 3:12-14

Bad company rubs off on you.

Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." 1 Corinthians 15:33

Friends influence one another for good or bad.

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm. Proverbs 13:20

Friends sharpen each other and hold each other accountable.

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17

Be the friend you want to have.

And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. Luke 6:31

Good friends stick with you.

A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24

Friends encourage and build each other up.

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Find a mentor; be a mentor.

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:1

Be wise about who your friends are.

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers. Psalm 1:1

Outdo friends in love and honor.

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Romans 12:10

Know when a friendship is toxic.

Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with a simple babblers. Proverbs 20:19

Carefully choose your community and friends.

I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites. I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked. Psalm 26:4-5

Friends tell the truth to your face, even when it hurts.

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy. Proverbs 27:6

A friend celebrates the good times and cries with you during the hard times.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Romans 12:15

Strong Christian community ignites revival!

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. Acts 2:46-47

Seek Godly advice  
where you feel stuck  
in your calling.

Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but  
in an abundance of counselors there is safety.  
Proverbs 11:14

Seek Godly mentors;  
become a Godly  
mentor.

The things which you have heard from me in  
the presence of many witnesses, entrust these  
to faithful men who will be able to teach others  
also 2 Timothy 2:2

Look for the good.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is  
honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if  
there is any excellence, if there is anything  
worthy of praise, think about these things.  
Philippians 4:8

## **Scripture about Words, Attitude & Gratitude**

We will be held in account for our words

But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you. Matthew 12:36-37

Words matter

-It's not what goes into your mouth that defiles you; you are defiled by the words that come out of your mouth. Matthew 15:11

What you speak reveals your heart

But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. Matthew 15:18

Let your words be wholesome and build others up

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29

Be quick to listen, slow to speak

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, James 1:19

Control your tongue

If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. James 1:26

Words have powerful impact – for good or for bad

The tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself. James 3:3-6

Blessing and cursing should not come from the same mouth	And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! James 3:10
Speak truth	If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. 1 Peter 3:10
Wise words bring healing	The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. Proverbs 12:18
Think carefully about your words	The heart of the godly thinks carefully before speaking. Proverbs 15:28
Speak gracious words	Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24
Do not grumble	Do all things without grumbling or disputing; Philippians 2:14
Do not complain about one another	Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door. James 5:9
Words have power	The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit. Proverbs 18:21
Give thanks in ALL circumstances.	Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
We give thanks because God is good.	Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1-2

Give thanks in your prayers to God.	Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7
Give thanks for victory in Jesus.	But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57
Paul gives thanks for growing faith.	We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. 2 Thessalonians 1:3
Gives thanks for the goodness and love of God.	Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! 1 Chronicles 16:34
Give thanks for all that God is in your life.	For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Romans 11:36
Give thanks for the wonderful deeds God has done in your life.	I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1
Give thanks in all you do.	And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17
Be thankful.	And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Colossians 3:15

Be thankful in prayer.

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

Give thanks for a new day.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it Psalm 118:24

Give thanks for friends and fellow believers.

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, Ephesians 1:16

Give thanks for all good things which come from God.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. James 1:17

Give thanks for eternity in heaven that awaits us.

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe. Hebrews 12:28

Give thanks always and for everything.

Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Ephesians 5:20

Gratitude glorifies God.

The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God! Psalm 50:23

Jesus gives thanks before raising Lazarus from the dead.

So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. John 11:41

**Psalm 100**  
**A Psalm for giving thanks.**

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord,  
all the earth!**  
**Serve the Lord with gladness!**  
**Come into his presence with singing!**  
**Know that the Lord,  
he is God!**  
**It is he who made us,  
and we are his;  
we are his people,  
and the sheep of his pasture.**  
**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!**  
**Give thanks to him;  
bless his name!**  
**For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

## Scripture about Temptation & Rest

We can pray to God against temptation and evil.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Matthew 6:13

The devil wants us to question God's goodness and commands.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You<sup>[a]</sup> shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" Genesis 3:1

Temptation is stirred in us when we desire things that aren't of God.

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. James 1:13-15

Pray to not enter into temptation

And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." Luke 22:40

The devil looks for our weakness and weak moments to tempt us.

And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time. Luke 4:13

God will provide a way out of temptation

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

Flee from idolatry	Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. 1 Corinthians 10:14
Idolatry is in the 10 Commandments	<p>“You shall have no other gods before me. “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. Exodus 20:3-6</p>
Jesus encourages His apostles to get away and rest after the work they had done.	<p>The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. Mark 6:30-32</p>
Just because something is permissible doesn't mean it is helpful.	<p>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. 1 Corinthians 6:12</p>
Flee from sexual immorality. Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. Glorify God in your body.	<p>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. 1 Corinthians 6:18-20</p>

Renew your mind to discern God's will and what is acceptable.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

Jesus took time to stop what He was doing to get alone with God and pray.

But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray. Luke 5:15-16

Jesus takes time to be alone with His Father

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. Mark 1:35

Sabbath rest is for all of us who are people of God.

So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Hebrews 4:9-10

Sabbath rest is for our benefit and restoration.

And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. Mark 2:27