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Dedication.

To the fatherless, the struggling, the gifted, the misunderstood, the repentant, the pastor carrying burdens, the student trying to stay grounded, the family seeking healing, and every person who still believes God can turn a life into a message.

May this guide help you reason, repent where needed, forgive where possible, work wisely, love deeply, and use every tool available for the glory of God.

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Introduction: Why This Book Was Written.

This book is written for the person who wants more than scattered answers. It is for the believer who has questions but does not want judgment, the pastor who carries people and still needs language for difficult conversations, the student trying to stay grounded, the worker under pressure, the parent raising children, the church leader seeking order, the person wounded by church, and the person who is not even sure where he or she stands with God.

The world is full of information, but much of it is scattered. A person can hear one sermon, watch ten short videos, read many opinions, and still remain confused. Some questions are too sensitive to ask openly. Some struggles are hidden because people fear shame. This guide brings many of those questions into one Christian conversation: Scripture, testimony, practical wisdom, law and society, technology, church life, family, work, money, relationships, and recovery.

Technology can carry a message, but it cannot replace God's presence, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, pastors, prayer, compassion, fellowship, or church. That sentence is central to PreachTech. Apps, AI, websites, cameras, microphones, livestreams, and books can carry a message, but they must never become idols. The message belongs to God. The tool must serve the message.

My story appears in this book not to glorify pain, sin, or survival, but to show that God can call a wounded person into purpose. The testimony is distributed through the chapters so that you can see how real life touches real questions: orphanhood and hope, alcohol and consequences, youthful exposure and wisdom, work and poverty, generosity and loss, church service and learning, business and failure, technology and calling, repentance and recovery.

Read slowly. Pause often. Open the Bible. Discuss with others. Use the chapters for sermons, seminars, youth meetings, Christian Unions, family devotion, leadership training, and personal reflection. The goal is not argument. The goal is clarity, repentance, healing, wisdom, and love.

How to use this book.

Each chapter begins with a main question or concern, then offers Scripture lines that can be read immediately inside the book. You are encouraged to open the full passage in a Bible and read it in context.

At the end of the chapters are reflection questions and practical replacement steps. This matters because a habit usually does not disappear simply because someone feels guilty. Old patterns need new holy routines.

If you teach from this book, pause before giving every answer. Let listeners think. Let them identify real situations.

Then bring the room back to Scripture, wisdom, humility,
and practical obedience.

Part One: Looking at the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

Chapter 1: From Genesis to Revelation: One Story, One Hope.

Focus: Bible overview and the big story

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Genesis 1:1 — In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*
- *Genesis 3:9 — And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?*
- *John 1:14 — And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us... full of grace and truth.*
- *Revelation 21:4 — And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying.*

Opening thought.

The Bible is not a pile of disconnected religious sayings. It is one story moving from creation to restoration. Genesis begins with God creating order and purpose. Revelation ends with God wiping away tears and making all things new. Between those two points, Scripture tells the truth about human dignity, human fallenness, divine mercy, judgment,

covenant, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the church, mission, and final hope.

This matters because modern questions do not float in empty space. When a person asks about money, sex, war, suffering, technology, or church hurt, the answer must fit inside the larger story of God. The fall explains why the world is broken. Covenant shows God pursuing people. The law exposes sin and orders community. The prophets call people back to justice. Jesus reveals grace and truth. The church is sent as witness. Revelation reminds you that pain is not the final chapter.

You may come to this book with confusion, shame, curiosity, or even anger. The first invitation is simple: do not begin with the noise of the world. Begin with God. If the Bible begins with God, then identity, work, marriage, money, technology, and community must also be understood before God.

Real-life example.

You do not need to master every theological term before the Bible begins to speak to your life. Start by seeing the movement: God creates, humanity falls, God pursues, Christ redeems, the Spirit empowers, and the Church witnesses until final restoration. This makes the book practical. When you ask whether a habit is right, whether money is clean, whether love is healthy, or whether technology can serve God, you are not asking a question outside Scripture. You

are asking how the big story of God touches your ordinary decisions.

Take this chapter as the foundation for the whole guide. Before you search for quick answers, slow down and ask where the issue belongs: creation and dignity, sin and brokenness, covenant and community, Christ and grace, mission and witness, or final hope. This way you do not collect scattered opinions; you learn to reason from the whole message of Scripture.

A person can read one verse online and use it to support almost anything. But a person who follows the whole story begins to ask better questions: Is this consistent with creation, covenant, Christ, love, holiness, justice, and hope?

Practical path forward.

- Read one Gospel slowly before arguing about Christian topics online.
- When confused, ask where the issue fits in creation, fall, redemption, and restoration.
- Write one sentence describing what hope means in your current struggle.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

“The Gospel is the message. Technology is the tool. Love is the proof.”

Carry this first chapter like a map. Many people lose confidence because every topic feels separate: one day marriage, another day money, another day suffering, another day technology. But Scripture gathers the questions into one road. When you know the road, you can walk through difficult conversations without panic. You may still need counsel, study, and prayer, but you are not floating without direction. You begin with God, not with fear. You measure choices by creation, fall, redemption, love, holiness, justice, mission, and hope. That is why the Bible is not only quoted in this book; it is the ground beneath every answer.

Chapter 2: Creation, Work, and Purpose.

Focus: Work, skill, dignity, and calling

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Genesis 1:27 — So God created man in his own image... male and female created he them.*
- *Genesis 2:15 — And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.*
- *Colossians 3:23 — And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.*
- *Proverbs 22:29 — Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings.*

Opening thought.

Work began before the fall. Before sin entered the human story, there was responsibility, stewardship, naming, dressing, keeping, and cultivating. This means work is not a curse by itself. The frustration, sweat, exploitation, unfairness, and anxiety around work may be part of the broken world, but work itself is tied to purpose.

My life carries this lesson. Writing and designing began early. In school, summary books were written and students were tutored for small pocket money. Skills were never only hobbies; they became survival, service, and eventually vision. Later, practical work such as wallpapers, carpets, installations, design, animation, and business helped form a belief: a gift becomes stronger when it is used, corrected,

and shared. Training through Polish Aid and lessons from a first employer opened doors to practical skills. That employer remained part of the story, and young people were later taught some of those same skills. I founded Afrikazi Agency at 23 years old, and the name also grew through counsel when a boss advised that it should be registered and taken seriously.

The believer should not despise skill. A church needs preaching, but also media people, ushers, builders, designers, administrators, caregivers, teachers, accountants, drivers, translators, cleaners, coders, artists, and wise business people. Work can become worship when it is done truthfully and used to serve.

Real-life example.

I learned early that work can carry pain and purpose at the same time. Writing summaries in school, tutoring, designing, learning installations, and later trying animation and app building were not just activities to fill time. They were seeds. You may also be carrying seeds that look small because no one is clapping yet. A skill can begin as survival and later become service. A gift can begin in poverty and later become a ministry tool.

Do not wait until life is perfect before you become faithful with what is in your hand. If you can write, write with discipline. If you can build, build honestly. If you can clean, clean with dignity. If you can code, design, teach, cook, farm, sell, or organize, do it as unto the Lord. Your workplace may

become the place where character is trained before public calling is trusted.

A person waiting for favor may already have a skill in the hand. Prayer should not kill effort. Prayer should purify effort and give it direction.

Practical path forward.

- List three skills you already have and one way they can serve people.
- Do one task this week with excellence even if no one claps.
- If you are unemployed, replace idle waiting with a daily learning and application routine.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

“The Gospel is the message. Technology is the tool. Love is the proof.”

If you have been looking down on your own hands, stop and look again. The small thing you can do today may become the tool God uses tomorrow. I did not see every connection while writing, designing, learning installations, trying

business, and building apps. Many things only made sense later. You may also be in a season that feels scattered. Be faithful anyway. Learn honestly. Work cleanly. Serve where you are. Let skill become discipline, and let discipline become service. Purpose often grows quietly before it is recognized publicly.

Chapter 3: When People Fall: Sin, Shame, and the Voice of God.

My testimony - choosing recovery: There were seasons when wrong choices were not theoretical. Alcohol, pride, shame, and secrecy created damage. Some apologies could be made; some consequences could only be carried with humility. The lesson for you is not that sin is small, but that hiding makes it stronger. The beginning of recovery is truth before God, and then wise action.

Focus: Failure, hiding, confession, and recovery

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Genesis 3:9 — And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?*
- *Psalms 34:18 — The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.*
- *John 8:11 — Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*
- *1 John 1:9 — If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.*

Opening thought.

When Adam and Eve fell, they hid. That pattern still appears in human life. People hide addiction, debt, affairs, anger, pornography, lies, shame, and pain. Hiding may protect image for a while, but it does not heal the soul. God's question, "Where art thou?" is not because God lacks information. It is a call to come out of hiding.

My testimony includes wrong turns, apologies, regrets, and recovery. The book does not present a perfect messenger. It presents a corrected messenger. That is important because many people remain silent until they look perfect, and by then many wounded people have already drowned in silence. Grace does not mean pretending wrong was harmless. Grace means God can call a person out of wrong into truth.

The difference between condemnation and conviction matters. Condemnation says, “You are finished.” Conviction says, “Come back.” Condemnation pushes a person into secrecy. Conviction leads to repentance, repair, boundaries, accountability, and a new path.

Real-life example.

Falling is painful, but the most dangerous stage is often hiding. I know what it means to look back and realize that wrong choices injured peace, relationships, money, and dignity. When you are ashamed, you may want to disappear, defend yourself, or blame the season. But freedom begins when truth is allowed to enter the room. God does not heal the image we protect; He heals the person we surrender.

If you are in a cycle, do not only promise that it will never happen again. Build a new path. Change the place, the time, the phone habit, the friendship circle, the spending pattern, and the secret access. Repentance is not only a feeling; it is a

turn. Grace gives you courage to turn without pretending the old road was harmless.

A person who keeps repeating a wrong habit may pray sincerely but never change the environment that feeds the habit. Confession opens the door, but wisdom rearranges the room.

Practical path forward.

- Name one hidden area before God in prayer.
- Tell one trusted mature person if the struggle is dangerous, addictive, or abusive.
- Replace secrecy with a specific boundary: time, place, phone, company, or money control.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

“The Gospel is the message. Technology is the tool. Love is the proof.”

Do not confuse exposure with healing. You can admit something is wrong and still remain in the same cycle if you do not change the system around it. Shame wants you alone. Pride wants you defensive. Grace calls you into truth. If your

struggle involves addiction, violence, abuse, sexual bondage, or deep despair, do not reduce the solution to a private promise. Get help. Build a structure. Let prayer and practical wisdom walk together. God can forgive instantly, but your habits may need patient retraining.

Chapter 4: The Father to the Fatherless: A Story of Hope.

Focus: Orphanhood, despair, rescue, and purpose

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Psalm 68:5 — A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.*
- *Psalm 27:10 — When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.*
- *Matthew 11:28 — Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*
- *Jeremiah 29:11 — For I know the thoughts that I think toward you... thoughts of peace, and not of evil.*

Opening thought.

Some pain begins before a person is old enough to explain it. Losing a mother during the years of schooling can make the world feel empty. Raised through the hands of different families, friends, and foreigners, I saw many faces of life before adulthood. I remember a season when grief became so heavy that life itself seemed unwanted. A poisonous substance was swallowed in a moment of despair. In the night, the body rejected it. Darkness came, then light. That memory became a lifetime marker: God had spared a life for a purpose.

This part of the testimony is not written to romanticize self-harm. It is written as a witness that despair can lie to a person. Pain may say, “No one wants you.” God’s mercy says,

“Your story is not over.” A person who is in such darkness should seek help immediately from trusted people, pastors, counselors, family, and emergency support. Faith does not require suffering alone.

The orphaned and the abandoned need more than speeches. They need care, structure, listening, and community. God is Father to the fatherless, and He often expresses that care through people who choose to become safe hands for someone else.

Real-life example.

When you have known loss, you may spend years asking whether your life matters. I write from the memory of feeling unwanted, moving through different hands, and seeing life become too heavy at a young age. The fact that life continued was not because I was strong. It was mercy. You may also be reading this from a place of grief, rejection, or loneliness. Do not let a painful season write the final sentence over your life.

God being Father to the fatherless is not a slogan for a poster only. It is a truth that asks the church to become present, safe, and practical. If you have been spared from despair, become gentle with someone still inside it. If you are inside it now, ask for help today. Your story may still become a message of hope to someone who has not found words for their pain.

A child who feels unwanted may become an adult who tries to prove worth through work, relationships, money, or fame. Healing begins when identity is received from God, not begged from the crowd.

Practical path forward.

- If you are in danger of harming yourself, contact a trusted person or emergency help immediately.
- Write one reason your life still matters, even if your emotions disagree today.
- Become a safe person for someone younger, lonely, or grieving.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

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If your beginning was painful, you may think you are already behind everyone else. You are not behind God. Your story may carry scars, but scars can become windows through which someone else sees hope. The point is not to celebrate pain; the point is to refuse to waste it. What wounded you can also teach you compassion. What almost

ended you can become the reason you fight for someone else. The God who fathers the fatherless can also teach you to become a safe presence for the lonely.

Chapter 5: Covenant, Community, and Why God Does Not Build Alone.

My testimony - learning by serving: I served in different churches as an usher, media helper, armor bearer, and willing worker. Sometimes the classroom was not a desk but the doorway, the media corner, the prayer line, the chair arrangement, and the quiet conversations after service. Service can teach a believer how people hurt, hope, worship, fail, and recover.

Focus: Church, fellowship, and belonging

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Acts 2:42 — And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*
- *Hebrews 10:24-25 — Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together... but exhorting one another.*
- *Romans 12:5 — So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.*
- *Ecclesiastes 4:9 — Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.*

Opening thought.

The phrase “church is in my heart” is often spoken by people who are tired, wounded, disappointed, or ashamed. It should not be mocked. Some people have seen hypocrisy, abuse, manipulation, or neglect. But the answer to hurt is not permanent isolation. The New Testament shows believers

learning, praying, breaking bread, giving, correcting, encouraging, and serving together.

My journey through different churches taught this in practical ways. Serving as usher, media support, armor bearer, and willing helper created a classroom inside church life. Some lessons came through sermons. Others came through carrying chairs, watching leaders, listening to members, and making oneself available. Church service can teach what books alone cannot teach.

Community is not always comfortable, but it is necessary. A lone believer may convince himself that every private thought is revelation. Community helps test, shape, comfort, and correct. A healthy church does not replace God, but it becomes one of the places where God matures people.

Real-life example.

Serving in church taught me things that sitting still could not teach me. Ushering, helping media, standing near leaders, carrying small responsibilities, and listening to people after service became a hidden classroom. You may think service is small because it does not always come with a microphone. But service trains the eyes. You begin to see who comes in tired, who needs direction, who is pretending to be fine, and who needs prayer beyond the altar call.

If church hurt has made you cautious, wisdom is allowed. Do not run back into unsafe spaces. But do not let pain turn you

into a permanently isolated believer. Look for a healthy community where Scripture, prayer, accountability, humility, and love are real. God often heals people through people who have learned to care.

A person who avoids church because of hurt may still need healing, accountability, and fellowship. The goal is not to run back into danger. The goal is to find healthy Christian community.

Practical path forward.

- If you left church because of hurt, name the hurt honestly without using it to reject all fellowship.
- Look for a church or group that honors Scripture, prayer, accountability, and love.
- Serve in one small area without losing your personal devotion.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

“The Gospel is the message. Technology is the tool. Love is the proof.”

Church is not only where you receive; it is also where you learn to carry. You learn patience with difficult people, humility under correction, discernment around leadership, and compassion for hidden pain. You also learn that not every church environment is healthy, so wisdom matters. Still, do not let the failures of people make you reject the design of God. You need fellowship, and fellowship needs you. Find a place where Christ is honored, Scripture is taught, prayer is alive, and love becomes practical.

Chapter 6: Wisdom Like Solomon: Reasoning Before Reacting.

My testimony - many sides of life: Having lived around underprivileged places and affluent high-end spaces, and having known both famous friends and unknown strugglers, I learned that life cannot be judged from one corner only. The rich have wounds, the poor have dignity, workers have stories, employers carry pressure, and every person needs wisdom before judgment.

Focus: Decision-making with Scripture, counsel, and conscience

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Isaiah 1:18 — Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD.*
- *James 1:5 — If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God.*
- *Proverbs 11:14 — Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.*
- *Micah 6:8 — What doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?*

Opening thought.

Faith does not mean refusing to think. Some believers call every impulse “God told me,” then ignore Scripture, timing, counsel, evidence, law, and fruit. Wisdom asks questions. Wisdom listens. Wisdom knows that an answer may be spiritual, practical, emotional, legal, financial, and relational at the same time.

My exposure to many sides of life created a need to reason carefully. Living in underprivileged areas and affluent areas, being employed and later employing others, lacking and later paying people, meeting famous friends and unknown strugglers, hearing stories while volunteering in psychology-related spaces—all these experiences showed that people's decisions are rarely simple. Wisdom listens before it labels.

Solomon's wisdom was not noise. It was discernment. The person who wants to teach, lead, build, or correct others must first learn to weigh matters without pride.

Real-life example.

Living around both underprivileged and affluent places taught me not to judge life from one corner. The poor are not automatically lazy. The rich are not automatically happy. The famous are not automatically fulfilled. The unknown are not automatically insignificant. When you hear someone's story closely, quick judgment becomes harder. Wisdom listens before it labels.

This matters in every difficult question. Before you answer someone about marriage, debt, addiction, work, or church hurt, ask what you do not know yet. Ask what Scripture says, what facts are known, what emotions are involved, what law may require, and what love would do without abandoning truth. Wisdom is not weakness; it is disciplined discernment.

Before judging a debtor as a liar, wisdom asks: Is there a pattern of deceit? Has the person communicated? Is there a payment plan? What does love require, and what does justice require?

Practical path forward.

- Before reacting, write the facts, feelings, Scripture principle, and possible harm.
- Ask a mature person for counsel on one complicated matter.
- Do not use “God told me” to escape accountability.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

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A wise life refuses quick conclusions. Before you call someone lazy, learn their burden. Before you call someone proud, learn their wound. Before you call someone fake, examine your own inconsistencies. Wisdom does not mean accepting every story without discernment; it means judging with truth, patience, and humility. In seminars and conversations, this approach matters. People open their

hearts when they sense they will not be mocked before they are understood. Then Scripture can correct without sounding like cruelty.

Chapter 7: Jesus: Grace and Truth in One Person.

Focus: The tone of Christian answers

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *John 1:14 — And the Word was made flesh... full of grace and truth.*
- *John 8:11 — Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*
- *Matthew 7:3 — Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?*
- *Matthew 25:40 — Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*

Opening thought.

Jesus did not flatter sin, but He did not crush the broken. This is the tone the book seeks. Truth without grace can become harshness. Grace without truth can become compromise. Jesus carried both. He could tell a person, “Neither do I condemn thee,” and still say, “Go, and sin no more.”

Many modern discussions fail because people choose one side only. Some speak truth as if people are not wounded. Others speak comfort as if sin has no consequences. The way of Christ is different. He sees the person, names the truth, offers mercy, and calls for change.

This matters for pastors, parents, employers, spouses, youth leaders, and app builders. The tool may be modern, but the tone must remain Christlike. A digital platform can carry teaching, but it must not carry cruelty.

Real-life example.

This book must keep the tone of Jesus because tough topics can easily become weapons. If you speak about alcohol, sex, money, divorce, corruption, or hypocrisy without compassion, wounded people may hear only condemnation. If you speak with comfort but no truth, people may remain trapped. Jesus shows another way: He comes near enough to restore and speaks clearly enough to correct.

When you read a hard section, do not hear it as someone standing above you. Hear it as a call to walk into light. When you teach it, do not use truth to crush people. Use truth to open a door to repentance, safety, wisdom, and restoration.

When someone confesses addiction, the answer is not mockery. It is truth, care, boundaries, counsel, and a path of change.

Practical path forward.

- Before correcting someone, ask if your tone carries both truth and love.
- Before defending yourself, ask if there is a beam in your own eye.

- Practice one act of mercy toward someone who cannot repay you.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

“The Gospel is the message. Technology is the tool. Love is the proof.”

Grace and truth are not enemies. Grace without truth leaves people comfortable in what is destroying them. Truth without grace makes people afraid to come near. Jesus shows that a person can be corrected and loved at the same time. That is the voice this book tries to carry. If a section convicts you, do not run. If a section gives comfort, do not use comfort to avoid change. Let Christ be both the Healer and the Lord of the issue.

Part Two: Real Life, Real Questions, Real Answers.

Chapter 8: The Neighbor Test: Employer, Worker, Seller, Buyer, Relative.

Example from my journey: I have been an employee, an employer, a person with money, and a person who lacked even small comforts. Those changing positions teach a serious Christian lesson: treat people well when you have power, because tomorrow you may need mercy from someone else.

Focus: Daily relationships and practical love

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Matthew 22:39 — Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*
- *Luke 10:37 — He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.*
- *Philippians 2:4 — Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*
- *Proverbs 11:1 — A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.*

Opening thought.

The neighbor test moves faith from the sanctuary into daily relationships. A person can worship loudly and still underpay workers, deceive customers, insult relatives, ignore a hurting neighbor, or exploit someone's ignorance. Jesus did not define neighbor only by tribe, church, class, or benefit. The neighbor was the person whose need stood in front of mercy.

Having been employed, an employer, and a person who has lacked, I learned that power changes how people behave. When a person has money, he may think generosity is simple. When money disappears, he discovers how much dignity depends on how others treat him. The Christian must remember both sides. Treat people in a way that you would still respect if your positions exchanged tomorrow.

A seller and buyer relationship can reveal the heart. A worker and employer relationship can reveal justice. Relatives can reveal whether love is only public. Church members can reveal whether fellowship is real or only a greeting.

Real-life example.

I have been the worker, the employer, the person who could pay, and the person who lacked. Those seasons changed how I see people. When you have power, you can forget how heavy small delays feel to the person waiting for wages, repayment, or respect. When you lack, you understand how much dignity is carried in the way someone speaks to you.

The neighbor test asks you to imagine the exchange of places. If you were the worker, would this treatment feel fair? If you were the customer, would this price feel honest? If you were the relative asking for help, would this response feel human? Christianity that cannot survive daily dealings has not yet entered the heart deeply enough.

A businessperson may increase a price because a customer does not know the market. Profit is allowed; deception is not. A Christian can make money without making another person a victim.

Practical path forward.

- Review one relationship where you hold more power and make it fairer.
- If you owe someone, communicate honestly even if you cannot pay today.
- If you sell, price with conscience; if you buy, pay without manipulation.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

“The Gospel is the message. Technology is the tool. Love is the proof.”

The neighbor test is simple until it costs something. It is easy to say “love your neighbor” when the neighbor is a general idea. It becomes harder when the neighbor is the worker asking for fair pay, the customer who does not know the real price, the relative who drains your patience, or the person who disappointed you. Christianity becomes visible in these

ordinary exchanges. If people meet your business, your home, your phone messages, and your promises, they should meet some evidence of Christ there.

Chapter 9: When Helping Others Feels Tiring.

Focus: Giving, boundaries, and compassion

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Galatians 6:9 — Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*
- *Matthew 25:40 — Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*
- *Isaiah 58:7 — Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house?*
- *James 2:17 — Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*

Opening thought.

Kindness can become tiring when people misuse it. Some people ask repeatedly. Some borrow and disappear. Some see help as weakness. Yet the answer is not a dead heart. Scripture calls believers to continue doing good while also walking in wisdom.

I have known seasons of generosity and seasons of lack. When money was available, giving came naturally. When everything was lost, the kindness of others became a testimony. This teaches humility: the person helping today may need help tomorrow. The person needing help today may become a helper tomorrow.

Giving should not be limited to a donation in one place. Giving may be food, skill training, honest advice, transport, a listening ear, a job lead, a small repayment plan, a referral, or a prayer with action. Churches can build systems that support people without creating dependency.

Real-life example.

Generosity is not always simple. I have known times of giving freely and times of needing help from others. That teaches humility. When you have something, do not assume you will never need anyone. When you lack, do not allow shame to make you dishonest or bitter. Mercy moves in both directions through different seasons of life.

You can help wisely without becoming careless. Sometimes you give food instead of cash. Sometimes you give a job lead instead of repeated rescue. Sometimes you listen. Sometimes you say no with kindness. The goal is not to prove you are good; the goal is to love in a way that restores dignity and does not destroy your own stewardship.

A person who keeps asking for money may need food today, but also budgeting help, work connection, addiction support, or a clear boundary. Mercy and wisdom can sit at the same table.

Practical path forward.

- Help one person this month in a way that builds dignity, not dependency.

- Set a boundary without becoming cruel.
- Create a small giving category in your budget, even if it is modest.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

“The Gospel is the message. Technology is the tool. Love is the proof.”

When giving becomes tiring, ask God for wisdom, not a stone heart. Some people need immediate help; others need structure. Some need cash; others need discipline. Some need food; others need counsel. Some need emergency mercy; others need to stop using other people as a rescue system. You can be generous and still ask honest questions. You can say no and still remain loving. The aim is not to be used by everyone; the aim is to remain available to God.

Chapter 10: The Meat Before Your Brother: Freedom With Consideration.

Focus: Conscience, influence, and love

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Romans 14:13 — That no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.*
- *Romans 14:21 — It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth.*
- *1 Corinthians 10:23 — All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient... all things edify not.*
- *1 Corinthians 13:5 — Charity... seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil.*

Opening thought.

Christian freedom is not selfish freedom. A mature believer does not live in fear of every opinion, but neither does maturity use liberty to wound weaker consciences. Love asks more than, “Can I?” Love also asks, “Will this build, confuse, tempt, or wound?”

This principle affects music, dressing, alcohol, entertainment, social media, public jokes, and even how one celebrates wealth. Some choices may be lawful, but unwise in a certain setting. Some freedoms may be private matters, but public influence changes their effect. A person with followers, students, children, or church responsibility must think carefully.

The goal is not religious control. The goal is love. You should not weaponize other people's weaknesses to control everyone. But you should also refuse to use freedom as an excuse for carelessness.

Real-life example.

Freedom is one of the easiest Christian truths to misuse. You may be free from a certain temptation, but someone near you may not be. You may handle a song, a drink, a joke, a place, or a style without falling, while another person is pulled back into a past they are trying to escape. Love does not always ask, "Can I do it?" Sometimes love asks, "Should I do it here, now, and in front of this person?"

This does not mean you become controlled by every opinion. It means your freedom grows mature enough to consider impact. Influence is responsibility. If your public life teaches people, then your liberty must be guided by love, not only permission.

A believer may not be tempted by a certain song, drink, or environment, but someone recovering from that lifestyle may be pulled back by the same thing. Love may choose restraint in that moment.

Practical path forward.

- Before posting, ask whether it builds or merely provokes.
- If your freedom confuses someone young in faith, explain gently or restrain wisely.

- Do not use conscience as a weapon; use it as a guide toward love.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

“The Gospel is the message. Technology is the tool. Love is the proof.”

Freedom must grow into responsibility. If you only ask what you are allowed to do, you may miss what love is asking you to become. A parent, leader, pastor, older sibling, campus leader, or public creator carries influence. People learn from what you normalize. This does not mean you live trapped by every critic, but it does mean you stop treating your actions as private when they teach others publicly. Mature freedom is guided by love.

Chapter 11: Talents Are Dying in Church.

Focus: Gifts, support, and visibility

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Matthew 5:16 — Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father.*
- *1 Peter 4:10 — As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another.*
- *Matthew 25:29 — For unto every one that hath shall be given... but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.*
- *Romans 12:6 — Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us.*

Opening thought.

Some gifts are not dead; they are unsupported. Churches often have singers, actors, designers, writers, media people, teachers, youth leaders, builders, technicians, cooks, coders, and organizers. Many serve quietly until exhaustion turns into silence. When only a few people are seen, others may feel invisible.

My early life included being among the top students in high school, writing summaries, tutoring students for pocket money, designing, acting as Jesus in school sketches, serving as a Christian Union assistant chairperson in high school, and going with others to preach in schools. These were not

random activities. They were signs that gifts grow when they are used, even before someone knows where the road leads.

A healthy church does not only use talent for programs. It disciplines talent, corrects it, encourages it, and helps it become fruitful. Visibility should not be vanity when it is used to glorify God and support people.

Real-life example.

I know what it means for gifts to start quietly: writing summaries, tutoring, acting, designing, helping in church, and trying ideas before anyone understands them. Many people in churches are carrying gifts that are still unnamed. Some only need encouragement, a small platform, materials, mentorship, or correction given with love. When gifts are ignored, they may not die immediately; they may go silent slowly.

If you lead, notice people before they become famous. If you serve, do not wait for perfect recognition before you become faithful. If you are gifted, let God refine the gift. Skill without character can harm people, but character without courage may bury what God placed in your hands.

A young worshipper may only need recording help, mentorship, and a small platform. A Sunday school teacher may need materials. A designer may need an opportunity to serve. Support can revive a gift.

Practical path forward.

- Identify one hidden gift in your church or community and encourage it.
- Offer one skill to serve without losing boundaries.
- If you have a gift, stop waiting to be discovered; serve faithfully and improve.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

“The Gospel is the message. Technology is the tool. Love is the proof.”

A church that notices gifts becomes a nursery of purpose. A church that only uses people without nurturing them may exhaust the very people it needs. Ask who is serving quietly. Ask who has skill but no platform. Ask who needs correction without embarrassment. Ask who needs tools, training, or encouragement. If you are the one with a gift, do not use neglect as an excuse to bury it. Keep growing, keep serving, and let character mature with ability.

Chapter 12: Faith, Social Media, and Fame With Purpose.

My testimony - influence and creativity: From writing summaries in school, tutoring, acting as Jesus in school sketches, learning design, 3D animation, and later building digital platforms, I discovered that creativity can either chase attention or serve purpose. A gift becomes ministry when it points beyond the person carrying it.

Focus: Digital witness and influence

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Matthew 5:16 — Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father.*
- *1 Corinthians 9:22 — I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.*
- *Romans 10:17 — So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*
- *Habakkuk 2:2 — Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.*

Opening thought.

The issue is not TikTok, YouTube, Facebook, or fame by itself. The issue is purpose. Attention can become an idol, but influence surrendered to God can become ministry. A camera can preach. A song can heal. A post can encourage. A short video can bring someone back to God.

I have known people with visibility, talent, and social influence. Fame can open doors, but it can also hide

emptiness. The question is not only, “How many people know me?” The better question is, “What are people receiving through me?” Christian influence should not be wasted only on attention.

Church activities, sermons, testimonies, charity, Christian Union events, Sunday school lessons, Bible study, and gifts should not remain invisible. Public social platforms can reach souls. Christian platforms can help build the body.

Real-life example.

Attention is powerful, and it can become dangerous. I have seen creativity become a door, but I have also seen how fame can hide emptiness. The question is not whether cameras, reels, songs, or posts are worldly by themselves. The question is what spirit they carry and what direction they give to people. A Christian creator should ask, “After people watch me, are they closer to truth, hope, wisdom, or only to my image?”

You can use public platforms without worshipping public approval. Post sermons, testimonies, charity, Christian Union moments, worship, Bible study, Sunday school content, and wise conversations. Use Christian spaces to build the body and public spaces to reach souls. Let visibility serve mission.

A church member who posts every trend can also post one testimony, one verse, one event, one prayer request, or one clip that points someone to Christ.

Practical path forward.

- Post one message this week that encourages faith without attacking people.
- Before chasing attention, ask what assignment your influence serves.
- Use one social platform to promote a gift, ministry, or church activity.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

“The Gospel is the message. Technology is the tool. Love is the proof.”

Social media can either scatter attention or gather purpose. A Christian does not need to fear every platform, but you must not be disciplined by algorithms more than Scripture. If your phone shapes your desires more than prayer, you are being led. Use media intentionally. Let your content encourage truth, hope, repentance, skill, testimony, and community. You can be creative without becoming empty.

You can be visible without becoming proud. Let influence become stewardship.

Chapter 12B: The Ten Commandments at Home: Parents, Children, and Social Media

Focus: Parenting, honor, correction, posting, privacy, and digital discipleship

Scripture to read and affirm:

- Exodus 20:3-17 - The commandments teach worship, honor, truth, purity, and contentment.
- Deuteronomy 6:6-7 - Teach these words diligently to your children, at home and on the way.
- Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go.
- Ephesians 6:1-4 - Children obey; fathers do not provoke, but bring them up in the Lord.
- Colossians 3:21 - Fathers, provoke not your children, lest they be discouraged.
- Proverbs 18:21 - Death and life are in the power of the tongue.
- James 3:9-10 - Blessing and cursing should not come from the same mouth.
- Matthew 18:6 - Do not cause little ones who believe to stumble.

Opening thought

Every generation raises children inside a different pressure. Today the pressure is not only outside the house. It is inside the phone, the comment section, the camera, the private inbox, the online game, the livestream, and the desire to be seen. A child may be at home physically while the mind is being disciplined by strangers. This does not mean parents should fear every tool. It means parents must become present, wise, loving, firm, and spiritually awake.

The Ten Commandments are not old words for an old world only. They are a foundation for family life in a digital age. They teach that God must be first, worship must be pure, speech must honor His name, rest must be protected, parents must be honored, life must be guarded, sexuality must be sacred, property must be respected, truth must be spoken, and contentment must be learned. Social media touches all these areas.

A parent should not only ask, "Is my child online?" The deeper questions are: Who is shaping my child? What does my child admire? What secrets are being formed? What identity is being built? What words are being spoken over this child? What does this child believe love, success, beauty, manhood, womanhood, money, fame, and faith really mean?

The Ten Commandments inside the home

- 1. No other gods - Do not let the phone, fame, money, beauty, gaming, trends, or public approval become the child's god. Teach children that God is first before followers, likes, grades, money, and image.
- 2. No idols - An idol is not only a carved image. It can be a lifestyle that controls attention and affection. If a child cannot rest without a screen, the heart needs gentle retraining.
- 3. Do not misuse God's name - Teach children not to use God, church, prophecy, prayer, or Scripture for jokes, lies, manipulation, clout, or fake spirituality online.
- 4. Remember the Sabbath and rest - A home needs holy pauses. Create screen-free times for worship, meals, conversation, sleep, and family devotion.
- 5. Honor father and mother - Children must learn respect, listening, gratitude, and responsibility. Parents must also live in a way that makes honor understandable, not impossible through cruelty.

- 6. Do not murder - Guard life with words and actions. Online bullying, humiliation, threats, and shaming can wound deeply. Teach children that a comment can crush a soul.
- 7. Do not commit adultery - Teach sexual purity early with wisdom. Pornography, seductive posting, secret chats, and pressure for nudes are not harmless games.
- 8. Do not steal - Downloading, copying, scamming, hacking, cheating in exams, and using another person's work without permission are digital forms of theft.
- 9. Do not bear false witness - Teach children not to spread rumors, fake screenshots, edited lies, gossip, false accusations, or half-truths for attention.
- 10. Do not covet - Many posts are designed to create envy. Teach children to celebrate others without hating their own life, body, home, parents, or season.

Parents must train, not only complain

Deuteronomy 6 shows a pattern: teach diligently, speak in the house, speak when walking, speak when lying down, and speak when rising up. Parenting is not one angry lecture after damage has happened. It is repeated discipleship. A child learns from sermons, but also from how parents speak, scroll, spend, dress, forgive, pray, apologize, and handle pressure.

Some parents only notice social media when a child has already posted something shameful or entered danger. A wiser path is to build a family digital covenant before crisis. A covenant can include: no secret accounts, no posting school location in real time, no sharing private body images, no insulting people online, no accepting strangers in private chat, no late-night scrolling in bedrooms, and no deleting messages to hide danger from parents.

Training also means parents must understand the platforms enough to guide their children. You do not need to know every trend, but you should know where your child spends time, who can message them, what privacy settings exist, how reporting works, and what kind of content the algorithm is feeding them.

Examples for this generation

- Example 1 - A child posts a dance or joke to feel accepted. A parent should not begin with insults. Ask what the child wanted people to see. Teach dignity, modesty, purpose, and boundaries.
- Example 2 - A teenager receives a request for private photos. Teach clearly that the body is not payment for love. The child should screenshot, block, report, and tell a trusted adult.
- Example 3 - A child is bullied in a class group. Do not say, "Ignore it" only. Listen, save evidence, contact school leadership where needed, pray with the child, and teach the child not to return evil for evil.
- Example 4 - A parent posts a child crying, being punished, bathing, half-dressed, or embarrassed. This may look funny to adults, but it can become shame for the child. Love protects dignity.
- Example 5 - A family eats together but everyone is on a phone. The home is together physically but separated emotionally. Create phone baskets, prayer time, talking time, and shared service.
- Example 6 - A child admires expensive lifestyles online and begins despising the family. Teach work, contentment, truth about staged posts, and gratitude for what God has provided.

About parents cursing children

Many parents do not curse children through witchcraft or rituals; they curse them with careless words. A parent says, "You are useless," "You will never succeed," "You are stupid," "You are a curse," "You are just like your bad father," or "Nothing good will come from you." Such words may be spoken in anger, but they can live in a child for years. Proverbs 18:21 warns that death and life are in the power of the tongue. James 3 says blessing and cursing should not come from the same mouth. Correction is biblical, but cursing is not correction. Discipline should guide a child back to wisdom; it should not destroy identity. A parent can say, "What you did is wrong, and we will correct it," without saying, "You are worthless." God corrects those He loves, but His correction is not the same as verbal destruction.

The fifth commandment calls children to honor father and mother. That commandment carries promise. But parents must not use honor as a weapon to silence abuse, neglect, or hypocrisy. Ephesians 6 also speaks to fathers: do not provoke your children to wrath; bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. A home that demands honor should also practice love, repentance, listening, and fairness.

When parents fail

No parent is perfect. Some parents shouted, cursed, exposed, compared, neglected, or were absent. The Christian answer is not denial. A parent can repent before God and apologize to a child in age-appropriate words. An apology does not remove authority; it cleans it. A child who sees a parent repent learns that Christianity is not image management. It is truth before God. If you have already spoken death over a child, begin speaking life with action. Say, "I was wrong to call you that. You are made in God's image. I will correct wrong behavior, but I will not curse your identity." Then build new patterns: prayer, patient correction, listening, boundaries, and blessing.

Children also carry responsibility

This chapter is not only for parents. Children and teenagers must hear this clearly: honoring parents is not outdated. Do not mock your parents online. Do not expose family struggles for likes. Do not use social media to insult the home that feeds you. Do not hide dangerous relationships, secret accounts, gambling, pornography, bullying, or sexual pressure. If you are in danger, tell a safe adult quickly. If you have sinned, come into the light before the damage grows.

Honor does not mean a child must obey sin or remain silent about abuse. If a child is being harmed, the church and family must protect the child. But ordinary correction, chores, rules, and boundaries should not be treated as oppression. A wise child learns obedience, gratitude, humility, and truth.

Practical path forward

- Hold one calm family conversation about phones, posting, privacy, and faith.
- Create screen-free times: meals, devotion, sleep time, worship, and family visits.
- Teach children the Ten Commandments with present-day examples from school, phones, money, speech, and friendships.
- Do not post a child in shame, nakedness, punishment, sickness, or private grief for attention.
- Replace curses with blessings: "You are loved," "You can learn," "God made you with purpose," "This behavior must change, but you are not worthless."
- Review privacy settings, friend lists, inbox access, location sharing, and late-night phone use.
- If a child is addicted to screens, do not only grab the phone. Replace the habit with sports, reading, chores, music, skill training, service, prayer, and real conversation.

- If a parent is addicted to the phone, repent first.

Children learn what they see more than what they hear.

Pause and reason

What does obedience look like in your home? What phone habit needs correction? What words have wounded a child? What boundary must be created before danger grows? What good activity can replace empty scrolling?

Short talk line

"Raise children for God, not for algorithms. Correct behavior, but bless identity."

The future of a child is not protected by fear alone. It is protected by Scripture, presence, prayer, correction, example, wise boundaries, and love. Social media may be loud, but a faithful home can still become louder in the soul of a child.

Let the Ten Commandments enter the phone, the bedroom, the family table, the classroom, and the comment section. Let parents speak life. Let children honor. Let the home become the first church a child can understand.

Chapter 13: What Jobs Can a Believer Do?

Focus: Work ethics and conscience

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Colossians 3:23 — Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.*
- *1 Corinthians 10:31 — Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*
- *Romans 14:23 — Whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*
- *Proverbs 16:11 — A just weight and balance are the LORD's.*

Opening thought.

A Christian should not ask only, “Is this job a sin?” The deeper questions are: Does this job require me to sin? Does it exploit people? Does it promote what destroys people? Does it violate my conscience? Can I do it honestly? Can I remain spiritually sober there?

I have worked, employed, built, installed, designed, and lacked. Each side of work teaches something. Employment teaches submission and patience. Employing others teaches fairness and responsibility. Lack teaches humility. Business teaches truth because shortcuts may look profitable until they destroy trust.

Some environments are not automatically sinful for every person, but they may be dangerous for a particular believer.

A person recovering from alcohol should not casually work in an environment that constantly pulls him back. A person vulnerable to lust should not choose work that feeds that bondage. Wisdom personalizes the answer without weakening Scripture.

Real-life example.

Work decisions can be complicated because hunger, debt, family needs, and opportunity often meet conscience in the same place. A job may be legal and still dangerous to your soul. Another job may be humble and still honorable before God. Do not ask only whether the title sounds respectable. Ask what the work trains you to become.

If you are in a difficult environment, do not make a careless public claim and then fail privately. Build a plan. Seek counsel. Guard your heart. Learn a skill. Apply elsewhere. Where possible, leave what requires you to participate in sin. Where leaving takes time, let wisdom and accountability protect you until the door opens.

A believer offered a job in a nightclub may need income, but must ask whether the work requires promoting drunkenness, sexual immorality, or personal relapse. The answer may differ depending on role, conscience, environment, and spiritual maturity.

Practical path forward.

- Write down what your current work rewards and what it tempts.
- Refuse income that requires deception, exploitation, or direct participation in sin.
- If you cannot leave immediately, create a plan, seek counsel, and guard your conscience.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

“The Gospel is the message. Technology is the tool. Love is the proof.”

Some people stay in harmful work because they see no other door. If that is you, do not drown in guilt; begin planning wisely. Ask God for provision, but also build skills, update applications, speak to mentors, reduce unnecessary expenses, and watch for ethical opportunities. If a job requires you to lie, exploit, seduce, destroy, or participate in what damages people, you need an exit path. God cares about your income, but He also cares about what the income is doing to your soul.

Chapter 14: Money, Wealth, Corruption, and Restitution.

Focus: Riches, justice, and making wrongs right

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *1 Timothy 6:10 — For the love of money is the root of all evil.*
- *Luke 19:8 — If I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.*
- *Mark 10:25 — It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.*
- *Proverbs 13:11 — Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.*

Opening thought.

The Bible does not say money itself is evil. It warns against the love of money, pride, oppression, greed, false weights, and trust in riches. A rich person can be saved, but wealth can create spiritual danger when it becomes identity, security, or power over others.

The hard question is what happens when a person gained wealth wrongly and later gets saved. Forgiveness is real, but repentance is not only tears. Zacchaeus did not merely say sorry; he talked about restoration. Where possible, wrongfully gained wealth should be addressed through confession, restitution, ¹local wisdom and changed practice.

A person should not use stolen wealth to buy closeness to pastors or leadership while victims remain crushed.

I have seen seasons of entering places and ordering freely, and seasons of craving even the cheapest snack without money. Both seasons teach. Wealth should make a person more responsible, not more arrogant. Lack should not make a person dishonest.

Real-life example.

I have known seasons of entering places and ordering freely, and seasons of craving something small without money to buy it. Both sides teach. Wealth can make you generous, but it can also make you careless. Lack can make you humble, but it can also tempt you into shortcuts. Money reveals what is already growing in the heart.

If wealth came through harm, repentance must become more than church language. Zacchaeus shows that changed hearts think about restoration. You may need counsel, documentation, repayment, confession, or a change of business practice. Giving to church should never become a way of hiding from people you injured.

A person who cheated people in business and later enters church leadership should not hide behind donations. The church needs generosity, but also truth, accountability, and clean stewardship.

Practical path forward.

- Audit one area where your money may involve unfairness.
- If you harmed someone financially, plan a wise step toward repair.
- Do not use giving to silence conscience. Let giving flow from repentance and love.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

“The Gospel is the message. Technology is the tool. Love is the proof.”

Money can either become a tool or a throne. When it becomes a throne, people bow to it, lie for it, marry for it, oppress for it, and even use religion to protect it. When it becomes a tool, it feeds, builds, pays fairly, repairs wrongs, supports ministry, educates children, and relieves suffering. The question is not only how much you have. The question is what your money is training you to love, fear, hide, or worship.

Chapter 15: Debt, Broken Trust, and Living So People Can Believe You.

Focus: Debt, integrity, and credibility

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Romans 13:8 — Owe no man any thing, but to love one another.*
- *Psalms 37:21 — The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.*
- *Proverbs 22:1 — A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.*
- *Matthew 5:37 — Let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay.*

Opening thought.

Debt can become emotional before it becomes financial. A person waiting for God's favor to repay may feel misunderstood, while the lender feels deceived. The answer is not silence. Trust survives when there is honesty, updates, partial payments, and visible effort.

My experience of lack and unpaid pressure makes this chapter practical. People may think you are lying when you are truly stuck, especially if your past has included broken promises. A good name is built before crisis. People believe a struggling person more easily when that person has a history of truth, humility, and communication.

Christians should not spiritualize unpaid debts. Prayer for provision should walk with planning, work, budgeting, selling unnecessary items, and honest conversations.

Real-life example.

Debt can break trust even when your intention was not evil. People cannot always see your heart; they see communication, patterns, excuses, silence, and effort. If you have failed before, you may need to rebuild credibility slowly. A small honest payment can speak louder than a big promise repeated many times.

Do not wait for a miracle before you become responsible. Write the debt down. Contact the person. Explain without drama. Pay something if you can. Sell what you do not need. Work where you can. Ask for grace, but do not demand trust. Trust is rebuilt by consistent truth over time.

A debtor who cannot pay today can still send a message: 'I have not forgotten. I can pay this small amount now, and this is my next plan.' Silence often looks like disrespect.

Practical path forward.

- Write every debt clearly, however painful.
- Communicate honestly with the people you owe.
- Make small consistent repayments instead of waiting for a miracle only.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

“The Gospel is the message. Technology is the tool. Love is the proof.”

If you have broken trust, accept that rebuilding may take time. Do not become angry because people no longer believe words you have not supported with action. Let humility do its slow work. Send updates. Keep records. Pay in small portions. Admit delays before being chased. Avoid new promises when old ones are unpaid. A good name is not repaired by one speech; it is rebuilt by repeated truth under pressure.

Chapter 16: Relationships, Dating, Money, and Respect.

My testimony - love must not excuse harm: I speak from repentance, not superiority. Alcohol and brokenness once contributed to mistreating a girlfriend, including a violent moment that should never have happened. You should hear this clearly: stress, alcohol, poverty, or pain may explain pressure, but they do not excuse abuse. Love must become safe, truthful, and accountable.

Focus: Love, dignity, and responsibility

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *1 Corinthians 13:4 — Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself.*
- *Ephesians 5:25 — Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.*
- *Proverbs 24:27 — Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.*
- *Philippians 2:3 — Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*

Opening thought.

A man without money is not useless, and a woman who desires stability is not automatically materialistic. Love requires dignity and responsibility from both sides. Poverty should not remove respect. But laziness, manipulation, pressure, and lack of direction should not be romanticized.

Relationships reveal character. A person may be generous in public and cruel in private. A person may speak faith and still mistreat the one closest to them. My testimony includes moments of failure in relationships, including mistreating someone during alcohol-driven seasons. Such memories should produce humility, not excuses. Repentance means refusing to protect the image of the old self.

A healthy relationship asks: Are we becoming more truthful? Are we honoring God? Are we building or draining each other? Are we hiding something that will later destroy trust?

Real-life example.

I speak from repentance, not from superiority. Alcohol and brokenness once contributed to hurting someone I should have protected. That truth must not be softened. Stress, poverty, past pain, and intoxication may explain pressure, but they do not excuse harm. If love makes another person afraid, it has left the way of Christ.

If you have harmed someone, do not hide behind “I was going through a lot.” Apologize honestly. Seek help. Change the patterns that made harm possible. If you are the one being harmed, do not let religious language trap you in danger. Love is patient and kind; love is not permission for abuse.

A woman may support a struggling man without carrying his irresponsibility. A man may be loved while still being expected to grow, plan, work, and communicate honestly.

Practical path forward.

- If you have hurt someone, apologize without blaming alcohol, poverty, or stress.
- Discuss money, faith, boundaries, and future before emotions become vows.
- Do not stay in danger. Love is not permission for abuse.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

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Relationships should not become places where pain is recycled. If you were hurt as a child, abandoned, betrayed, or humiliated, healing is necessary so that you do not make someone else pay for wounds they did not create. If you have little money, communicate honestly instead of becoming defensive. If you have money, do not use it to control. Love should produce safety, respect, patience, truth, and direction. Where there is danger seek help quickly.

Chapter 17: Sex, Cohabitation, Marriage, and Covenant.

Focus: Purity, living together, and marriage meaning

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Genesis 2:24 — Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife.*
- *Hebrews 13:4 — Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled.*
- *1 Corinthians 6:18 — Flee fornication.*
- *Matthew 1:24 — Joseph... took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son.*

Opening thought.

Marriage is more than a ceremony, but living together secretly is not the same as covenant. Scripture treats sexual union as belonging within covenant, faithfulness, responsibility, and honor. A church wedding may not be the only cultural form of public recognition, but secrecy, pressure, and convenience should not be confused with covenant.

My testimony includes living with a lady before marriage and trying to hide it. Faith, pressure, and many issues eventually made separation necessary. The lesson is not to turn private pain into public entertainment. The lesson is that hiding a relationship from truth often becomes a burden on the relationship itself.

Mary and Joseph should not be misused to defend careless cohabitation. Their situation existed inside a recognized betrothal and covenant framework. You should ask: Is this relationship public, honorable, responsible, faithful, and God-fearing?

Real-life example.

I know what it means to be in a relationship that tries to hide itself from the light. At first secrecy may feel like protection, but slowly it becomes a burden. You begin managing appearances instead of building covenant. Faith and pressure then pull against each other until the relationship carries more weight than love alone can hold.

If you are living together without clarity, do not only ask how to avoid being seen. Ask how to become honest before God, family, church, and conscience. A relationship that cannot move toward light needs counsel. Love should not require spiritual hiding.

A couple may love each other deeply but still need to move from secrecy into counsel, family clarity, legal/social responsibility, and spiritual honesty.

Practical path forward.

- If you are cohabiting secretly, seek wise counsel and make an honest plan.
- Do not use love to pressure someone into sexual compromise.

- Build a relationship that can stand in the light.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

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Cohabitation often begins with emotional confidence but becomes spiritually complicated when there is no clear covenant. A couple may say, “We love each other,” but love should not need darkness to survive. Bring the matter into counsel. Talk about family, law, faith, finances, sexual boundaries, children, and future. A relationship that is strong enough for life should be strong enough for truth. If truth breaks it, secrecy was already carrying too much of it.

Chapter 18: Cheating, Divorce, Forgiveness, and Safety.

Focus: Betrayal, boundaries, restoration, and abuse safety

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Matthew 19:8 — Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.*
- *Matthew 19:9 — Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication... committeth adultery.*
- *1 Corinthians 7:15 — But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases.*
- *Ephesians 4:32 — Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another.*

Opening thought.

Forgiveness does not mean pretending betrayal did not happen. Cheating wounds trust, children, family, health, finances, and the spiritual atmosphere of a home. Divorce is not God's ideal, but Scripture discusses painful situations such as sexual immorality and abandonment. Safety must also be taken seriously. No teaching on forgiveness should trap a person in abuse or danger.

My testimony includes involvement with a woman who was separated but not divorced. Love became mixed with confusion because the unresolved marriage still had children, history, and ~~trust~~ ~~the~~ ~~main~~ ~~became~~ ~~deep~~, and

separation was forced through conflict rather than wisdom. The aftermath brought depression and heavier drinking until recovery became a choice. This story warns you that affection alone cannot cancel covenant complications.

You should avoid entering relationships that are emotionally available but covenantally unresolved. Compassion for lonely people is good; becoming part of confusion can wound everyone involved.

Real-life example.

Being involved with someone whose previous marriage was unresolved taught me how love can become pain when covenant questions are ignored. Feelings may be real, but reality is larger than feelings. Children, history, legal status, emotional ties, and spiritual consequences do not disappear because two people are attached.

If you are drawn into a complicated relationship, pause before your heart becomes trapped. Ask what is truly free, what is still bound, who may be wounded, and whether peace is being built or confusion is being deepened. Sometimes the loving thing is to step back before deeper damage happens.

A person who cheats and then says 'I am sorry' must understand that trust may require time, accountability, counseling, changed patterns, and transparency. Words alone are not restoration.

Practical path forward.

- If betrayal occurred, seek wise counsel before making permanent decisions.
- Do not confuse forgiveness with unsafe exposure.
- If you are involved with someone not truly free, step back and seek truth before deeper harm.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

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Cheating and unresolved relationships create wounds that are deeper than attraction. A person may feel loved and still be standing in another family’s unfinished story. You must ask who is being affected: children, spouses, relatives, future partners, and your own peace. Forgiveness is holy, but it does not erase the need for boundaries. Restoration is possible in some cases, but it requires truth, accountability, time, safety, and changed behavior.

Chapter 19: Porn, Masturbation, Lust, and Secret Struggles.

My testimony - how exposure begins: I remember adult content first entering the imagination through casual talk from an older man. Curiosity followed. Shame followed. That is why children, teens, and young adults need clear, safe, age-appropriate guidance. Silence does not protect them; silence leaves them to be disciplined by the wrong voices.

Focus: Sexual habits, shame, and freedom

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Matthew 5:28 — Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.*
- *1 Corinthians 6:19 — Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you?*
- *Galatians 5:16 — Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*
- *1 John 1:9 — If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.*

Opening thought.

The Bible may not use every modern word, but it speaks clearly about lust, the heart, self-control, holiness, and the body. Pornography trains the imagination to consume people. Masturbation is often tied to fantasy, secrecy, loneliness, shame, and cycles of regret. The answer must be truthful but not hopeless.

I remember being introduced to adult content through casual talk by an older man. At first it felt disgusting, then curiosity opened a door. That is how many destructive habits begin: not with a grand decision, but with exposure, curiosity, secrecy, and repetition. Later, shame made the experience lonely. Repentance and prayer became repeated cries for help.

A school counselor once said it was better to masturbate than to make a girl pregnant or get disease, then added that masturbation was not good. Such mixed guidance can confuse a young mind. This is why the church needs compassionate, clear, age-appropriate teaching. Silence leaves children to be trained by the internet, older peers, and broken voices.

Real-life example.

Exposure often begins before understanding. I remember how adult content entered through the words of an older person, then curiosity opened a door that shame later tried to close. Many young people are not choosing rebellion first; they are being introduced, confused, and trained by voices that should never have disciplined them.

That is why silence is not protection. Parents, pastors, teachers, and youth leaders must speak with wisdom, not embarrassment only. If you struggle privately, do not build your whole identity around the struggle. Bring it into the

light, remove access, seek accountability, and replace secret patterns with healthy routines.

A person may repent every night but keep the phone, time, loneliness, and content pattern unchanged. Spiritual freedom needs practical rearrangement.

Practical path forward.

- Remove access points: accounts, apps, folders, late-night isolation, and triggering content.
- Replace secrecy with accountability and healthy routine.
- When temptation rises, move physically: walk, pray aloud, call someone, or leave the room.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

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Secret sexual struggles thrive in isolation. The goal is not to shame you into silence; the goal is to call you into freedom. If you keep falling, study the pattern. What time does it happen? What emotion comes before it? What content opens the door? What loneliness is being medicated? What device

or privacy makes it easy? Once you see the pattern, you can redesign the path. Freedom is spiritual, but it is also practical.

Chapter 20: Alcohol, Drugs, Clubs, Tattoos, Music, and Culture.

My testimony - what alcohol took: Alcohol did not only take money. It took memory, dignity, friendships, peace, and self-control. It created forgotten deals, unnecessary spending, arrests for drunk and disorderly behavior, and public shame. A story about punching a police officer may sound dramatic to listeners, but the real issue was a life slowly losing direction. You should not wait until the fruit becomes worse before choosing freedom.

Focus: Lifestyle, conscience, addiction, and influence

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Ephesians 5:18 — And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.*
- *Proverbs 20:1 — Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.*
- *1 Corinthians 10:23 — All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient.*
- *Proverbs 4:23 — Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

Opening thought.

Alcohol can look harmless until it begins making decisions for a person. My testimony is direct: alcohol led to unnecessary spending, deals that could not be remembered, hatred of life, mistreatment of a girlfriend, arrests for drunk and disorderly behavior, public shame, and loss of friendships. A punch thrown at a police officer became talk,

but the deeper issue was not the story people repeated. It was the life being destroyed slowly.

Day clubbing after church once seemed normal among peers. Older company made youth feel older than the season really was. Later, calls to join parties became easy to answer. Reliability in the wrong environment became captivity. Blackouts, regret, and wasted money became signs that pleasure had become a master. A puff of cigarette or a snort of powder may look like curiosity, but for a hurting person it can become escape from misery.

This chapter does not answer every cultural question with one sentence. Secular music, tattoos, dancing, movies, and fashion require discernment: What is this feeding in me? Does it pull me from God? Does it train lust, pride, violence, drunkenness, rebellion, or despair? Does it violate my conscience? Some cultural expressions may be harmless; others may become doors. You must learn to guard the heart.

After sobering up, self-condemnation may come. Condemnation is not recovery. Recovery requires truth, prayer, support, new friends, better routines, and sometimes professional help.

Real-life example.

Alcohol took more from me than money. It touched memory, dignity, friendships, peace, and self-control. Forgotten deals,

unnecessary spending, arrests, public shame, and damaged relationships became evidence that the issue was not entertainment anymore. A story may sound funny after people retell it, but the soul knows when life is losing direction.

If you recognize yourself here, do not negotiate with the habit while it is burning your life. Remove access. Change friends and routes. Stop answering late calls that pull you back. Replace night emptiness with prayer, exercise, study, work, service, recovery support, and honest accountability. Freedom may begin with one serious decision, but it is protected by daily structure.

A person who says, 'I only drink occasionally,' should ask what happens after drinking. If alcohol changes spending, speech, sexuality, violence, memory, or responsibility, the fruit has already answered.

Practical path forward.

- Remove alcohol or drugs from your immediate environment if they control you.
- Replace club nights with fellowship, exercise, night study, service, or creative work.
- If music feeds sin, replace it with worship, clean inspiration, sermons, audiobooks, or silence for healing.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

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If alcohol, drugs, clubs, or certain music are tied to your collapse, do not romanticize them. You may remember a few exciting moments, but count the cost honestly: lost money, lost sleep, lost trust, lost memory, lost peace, lost opportunities, and damaged relationships. The enemy often sells bondage as fun until it becomes shame. When you choose sobriety and discipline, you are not losing life. You are recovering the life that addiction tried to steal.

Chapter 21: War, Suffering, Persecution, and Why God Allows Pain.

Focus: Global pain, hope, and Christian response

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Matthew 24:6 — Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled.*
- *John 16:33 — In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*
- *Romans 12:15 — Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.*
- *Psalms 46:1 — God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

Opening thought.

The world has witnessed cities broken by bombs, families displaced, children buried, hostages feared for, soldiers sent, refugees running, worshippers attacked, and believers persecuted because of faith. The book does not need to turn suffering into political shouting to acknowledge the pain.

War is never just news to the people under the smoke. It is grief, hunger, trauma, graves, and unanswered questions.

Why does God allow suffering? The Bible does not give a shallow answer. It shows a fallen world, human sin, corrupt power, spiritual evil, and the mystery of God's patience. It also shows God entering suffering through Christ. The cross

does not make pain imaginary; it proves God has not remained distant from human agony.

Persecuted Christians remind comfortable believers that faith can cost something. The response should not be fear only. It should be prayer, advocacy, generosity, truth, peacemaking, and hope.

Real-life example.

War and persecution can feel far away until you remember that every headline contains mothers, children, fathers, pastors, students, workers, and ordinary families. The Christian response should not be tribal excitement or careless sharing of violent images. It should be lament, prayer, truth, mercy, and action where possible.

God allowing pain does not mean God enjoys pain. Scripture shows a world damaged by sin and power, but it also shows a Savior who entered suffering. The cross tells you that God is not distant from human agony. The resurrection tells you pain will not have the final word.

When you sees images of war or persecution, the first response should not be entertainment or tribal cheering. It should be lament, prayer, careful truth, and practical support where possible.

Practical path forward.

- Pray for victims, leaders, peacemakers, and persecuted believers.

- Refuse to spread unverified violent content for attention.
- Support credible relief, care, and advocacy efforts where possible.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

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Suffering can make people ask whether God is absent. The Bible allows lament. It does not force you to pretend pain is small. But it also refuses to let evil have the last word. When you cannot explain everything, hold to what has been revealed: God is just, Christ has suffered, the Spirit comforts, the Church must care, and restoration is promised. Your response to suffering should become prayer, compassion, truth, and practical mercy.

Chapter 22: Denominations, Church Hurt, and Hypocrisy.

Focus: Unity, wounds, and truthful church life

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *John 13:35 — By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*
- *Ephesians 4:3 — Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*
- *Matthew 23:27 — Ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones.*
- *Hebrews 12:14 — Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.*

Opening thought.

Different church names should not make Christians enemies in Christ. Denominations may exist because of doctrine, history, culture, leadership, mission, or human weakness. Some differences matter deeply; others should not become hatred. Unity does not mean ignoring truth. It means refusing pride, mockery, and unnecessary division.

Hypocrisy is not struggling. Hypocrisy is pretending. A struggling person who is honest before God can be helped. But a religious image that hides cruelty, greed, lust, pride, or oppression needs repentance. Jesus corrected religious

hypocrisy strongly because it used God's name while wounding people.

Church hurt must be handled with care. Some people leave because they are rebellious; others leave because they were truly wounded. The church should not dismiss pain. It should listen, correct wrong, protect the vulnerable, and call people back to Christlike fellowship.

Real-life example.

Church hurt is real, and hypocrisy is damaging because it uses holy language while hiding unholy behavior. But not every church wound should push you away from Christ. Sometimes you need protection from a harmful environment; sometimes you need healing from disappointment; sometimes you need humility to admit you also hurt others.

Denominations should not become a reason for hatred. Hold doctrine seriously, but hold people with humility. If a church name makes you proud but your heart is unloving, the name is not doing the work of Christ in you. Truth and love must remain together.

A person can preach love but mistreat relatives. A church can collect offerings but ignore workers. A believer can condemn the speck in another person while refusing to face the beam in their own eye.

Practical path forward.

- Speak about other churches with humility unless truth requires warning.
- If you caused church hurt, apologize and repair what you can.
- If you were hurt, seek healing without letting pain become permanent isolation.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

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Hypocrisy is not the same as weakness. A weak person may confess, repent, seek help, and keep fighting. A hypocrite protects an image while refusing truth. This difference matters because churches should be places where struggling people can be restored, not places where pretending people are promoted without accountability. If you have been hurt by hypocrisy, do not become hypocritical in response. Heal, tell truth wisely, and keep your eyes on Christ.

Chapter 23: Law, Society, and Christian Responsibility.

Focus: Law, public life, and conscience

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Romans 13:1 — Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers.*
- *Micah 6:8 — To do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.*
- *Proverbs 29:2 — When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.*
- *Luke 3:14 — Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.*

Opening thought.

Christian teaching must respect both Scripture and the realities of society. Marriage, work, children, employment, corruption, consumer fairness, leadership, alcohol, abuse, and property are not only spiritual topics. They also affect law, rights, duties, and public trust. This book gives legal and society lenses for reflection, not legal advice.

A believer should not use prayer to escape responsibility. If a matter involves abuse, criminal behavior, employment rights, marriage status, child protection, fraud, or danger, wise counsel and lawful processes may be necessary. Pastors can pray, but they should not be forced to replace lawyers,

counselors, doctors, police, or trained professionals where those are needed.

The Christian goal is not lawlessness covered by religious language. It is a life that seeks justice, mercy, humility, truth, and peace.

Real-life example.

Law and society matter because faith lives in the real world. Marriage, work, abuse, fraud, property, children, employment, and public leadership all have spiritual and social consequences. Prayer is essential, but prayer should not be used to hide crimes, silence victims, or avoid responsibility.

If a matter is legal, dangerous, abusive, or financially serious, seek qualified help. A pastor can pray and guide spiritually, but a pastor should not be forced to replace a lawyer, doctor, counselor, or lawful authority. Wisdom honors both spiritual care and practical responsibility.

A person who cheats in a job application and later becomes a believer may face a painful question. Confession may carry consequences. Wisdom may require pastoral counsel, legal advice, and a truthful plan instead of impulsive self-destruction or continued deceit.

Practical path forward.

- For serious legal issues, seek qualified legal counsel.
- Do not ask pastors to hide crimes or abuse.

- Let Christian repentance produce truthful, lawful, and restorative action.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

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The law cannot save the soul, but law can restrain harm and protect people. A Christian should not despise lawful responsibility. If someone is abused, endangered, defrauded, or exploited, prayer should not be used to silence them. If you have done wrong, repentance may include facing consequences. If you are leading others, know your limits. Refer people to qualified help when the issue is beyond spiritual encouragement alone.

Part Three: PreachTech, AI, and the Future of Church.

Chapter 24: AI, Apps, and the Church of Christ.

My testimony - from school app to church app: A school app came first, but the timing did not open the doors expected. Poverty and pressure followed. In prayer, the conviction came to stop sinning and work for God. The church app was born without a full picture of the ending. For a week, while rent pressure waited outside, prayer and development continued in church. The house was not locked as feared. Gratitude became fuel for the mission.

Focus: Technology as a tool, not a replacement

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *Habakkuk 2:2 — Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.*
- *Romans 10:14 — How shall they hear without a preacher?*
- *Romans 10:17 — Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*
- *Zechariah 4:6 — Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.*

Opening thought.

The church has always communicated through available tools: spoken teaching, scrolls, letters, public reading, manuscripts, printing, microphones, radio, television, projectors, websites, livestreams, apps, and now AI-assisted tools. The tool changes, but the Gospel must remain the message.

AI can help organize notes, translate, summarize, prepare teaching outlines, assist accessibility, support administration, create study prompts, and help churches communicate clearly. But AI must not replace prayer, pastors, Scripture, discernment, compassion, or the Holy Spirit. A machine may repeat a message, but it cannot shepherd a soul.

My journey into app building began from a practical question: where can books, teaching, church connection, and Gospel content live together? A school app was attempted first. Doors did not open as expected. Poverty and pressure followed. In prayer, conviction came: stop sinning and work for God. The church app began without knowing the full ending. That is often how calling feels—clear enough to obey, unclear enough to require faith.

Real-life example.

My move from a school app idea to a church app was not clean or easy. Doors closed, money became tight, and the pressure was real. Prayer did not remove every struggle immediately, but conviction gave direction: stop running from God and build for His work. Sometimes calling is not a loud announcement; sometimes it is a burden that refuses to leave you alone.

Technology must stay in its place. AI can organize, translate, summarize, and help communicate, but it cannot repent for you, pray for you, love your neighbor for you, or replace the

Holy Spirit. Use tools boldly, but test everything. The Gospel is not improved by technology; technology becomes useful when it serves the Gospel.

A pastor may use AI to draft a teaching outline, but must still pray, study Scripture, know the people, correct errors, and preach with conviction.

Practical path forward.

- Use technology to support devotion, not replace it.
- Verify doctrine before sharing AI-generated content.
- Let every app, screen, and platform serve prayer, Scripture, fellowship, and mission.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

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The future of church technology must remain humble. A platform can connect people, but it cannot replace presence. A translation tool can help someone understand, but it cannot replace discipleship. AI can prepare notes, but it cannot carry pastoral tears. Use every tool available, but

keep the altar clear. Let technology reduce confusion, not deepen pride. Let it serve Scripture, prayer, fellowship, mission, and care.

Chapter 25: Church Portal Global: The Practical Guide.

My testimony - why the app exists: The app is not presented as the Gospel. It is a tool born from scattered information, hidden gifts, isolated believers, church communication needs, Christian Union needs, Sunday school needs, and the desire to connect people to Scripture, prayer, fellowship, service, and wise technology.

Focus: The app vision and how you can use it

Scripture to read and affirm:

- *1 Corinthians 14:40 — Let all things be done decently and in order.*
- *Acts 2:42 — They continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*
- *Mark 16:15 — Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*
- *1 Peter 4:10 — As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another.*

Opening thought.

Church Portal Global is presented in this book as a practical tool, not as a replacement for church. It is designed around connection: connect with God, connect to church, connect to Gospel content, post Christian services respectfully, and grow spiritually. The app vision includes churches, sermons, Bible Study, Sunday School, Christian community, church

discovery, prayer, updates, events, giving, Christian Unions, family learning, accessibility, and technology with purpose.

Christian Unions matter because campus seasons shape future leaders. Students need a way to discover CU groups, join with a code, receive approval, see events, join Bible study, post testimonies, join live fellowship links, and remain grounded. Churches need tools to manage members, prayer requests, events, sermons, announcements, and care. Families need Sunday school, storybooks, songs, and safe learning. Leaders need order. Believers need connection beyond Sunday.

My life as writer, designer, builder, digital creator, church servant, business founder, and recovering witness shaped this app vision. A week spent praying and developing in church while rent pressure waited outside became part of the testimony. The house was not locked as feared. Gratitude became fuel. The app is a tool born from pressure, prayer, and purpose.

Real-life example.

Church Portal Global is not presented as the Gospel. It is a tool created from real needs: scattered Christian content, hidden gifts, isolated believers, church communication gaps, Christian Union needs, Sunday school support, Bible study, prayer, events, and safe family learning. You should see it as a bridge, not a replacement for church.

If the app is used well, it can help a student stay connected, a parent find learning tools, a church share updates, a pastor organize care, a creator share Gospel content, and a believer find fellowship. But the heart must remain clear: technology carries the message; God owns the message.

A student entering college should not get lost spiritually. A parent looking for Sunday school support should not search endlessly. A pastor should not struggle alone to communicate events and prayer needs. A Christian creator should have a place to support the body.

Practical path forward.

- Use digital tools to connect people to real fellowship, not to isolate them.
- Add QR codes to books, talks, posters, and videos to guide you into the app.
- Keep the app centered on Scripture, prayer, fellowship, and practical service.

Pause and reason.

What does obedience look like in this topic? What is one habit, relationship, business practice, or private struggle that needs correction? What good activity can replace the old pattern?

Short talk line.

“The Gospel is the message. Technology is the tool. Love is the proof.”

A tool becomes powerful when it solves real problems without replacing real people. Church Portal Global should help churches communicate, Christian Unions organize, families learn, young people discover safe content, and believers connect. But the heart of the mission is not the app itself. The heart is people meeting God, finding fellowship, growing in Scripture, serving with gifts, and using modern tools wisely for the Gospel.

Part Four: Questions Christians Often Ask.

Biblical Answers for Real-Life Decisions.

The answers are written to help you pause before reacting. When a topic touches addiction, abuse, legal danger, mental health, or deep family conflict, combine prayer with wise counsel, pastoral care, and professional help where needed.

Use this section when you need a direct answer, but do not read it like a list of rules without relationship with God. Each question is meant to help you reason with Scripture, conscience, spiritual fruit, and practical wisdom. Some matters are clearly sin. Some matters require discernment because the same environment may be harmless for one person and dangerous for another. You are invited to ask not only, “Is it allowed?” but also, “What is this producing in me?”

This section is designed for quick reference. It does not replace full Bible study, pastoral care, legal counsel, or professional help where needed. It gives a starting point: Scripture, reasoning, wisdom, and one practical step.

Q1. Is it wrong for a Christian to listen to secular music?

Short answer:

Not every non-gospel song is automatically sinful, but every believer must test the message, motive, effect, and influence.

Scripture line:

- *Proverbs 4:23 — Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

Reasoning:

Some songs may be cultural, historical, educational, clean storytelling, or harmless relaxation. It becomes dangerous when it feeds lust, pride, violence, bitterness, drunkenness, rebellion, or despair.

A helpful test is fruit. If a song makes sin look attractive, weakens your purity, increases pride, stirs rebellion, or pulls your heart from prayer, do not defend it simply because it is popular. If a song is clean storytelling, culture, history, celebration, or harmless art, the issue may be conscience and maturity. Guard your heart without becoming proud toward others.

Practical decision:

Let this become a heart test, not only a playlist rule. What you repeat often begins to shape what you desire. If a song is harmless, you may enjoy it with a clean conscience. If it keeps pulling you toward sin, do not call bondage entertainment.

Ask: What is this music doing to my heart? If it weakens prayer, purity, peace, or obedience, replace it with worship, clean inspiration, sermons, audiobooks, or silence for healing.

Q2. Can a Christian go to a club?

Short answer:

The question is not only location but influence, motive, temptation, and fruit.

Scripture line:

- *Romans 14:21 — It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine... whereby thy brother stumbleth.*

Reasoning:

A person may enter a venue for work, rescue, family, or a specific harmless event. It becomes dangerous when the environment pulls the heart toward drunkenness, lust, violence, addiction, or old bondage.

You must be honest about your own history. For one person, entering a club for work or a family event may not carry the same danger. For another, it may reopen alcohol, lust, drugs, violence, or old friendships. If the place helped bind you before, do not call it freedom to keep walking back into the chain.

Practical decision:

Some places are not evil only because of their walls, but because of what they awaken in you. Be honest about your own weakness. If a place makes you less sober, less pure, less prayerful, or less responsible, wisdom may require distance.

If clubs are tied to your former weakness, do not play with fire. Replace that night routine with fellowship, exercise, study, service, or creative work.

Q3. Is alcohol a sin?

Short answer:

The Bible warns clearly against drunkenness and being controlled by strong drink.

Scripture line:

- *Ephesians 5:18 — Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.*

Reasoning:

Wine appears in Scripture, but drunkenness, addiction, violence, foolish speech, waste, and loss of self-control are condemned.

The deeper question is control. If you cannot stop, if you hide it, if it changes your words, anger, spending, sexuality, memory, or responsibility, the fruit has already spoken. Do not wait for a bigger collapse before choosing wisdom.

Practical decision:

Do not argue from exceptional cases while ignoring your own fruit. If drinking leads to anger, waste, sexual compromise, violence, lies, or shame, the question has already moved from freedom to bondage.

If alcohol changes your memory, money, sexuality, speech, anger, or responsibility, leave it. Do not argue theology while your life is burning.

Q4. Is using drugs wrong?

Short answer:

Anything that enslaves, damages the body, clouds judgment, or opens the door to destructive behavior should be rejected.

Scripture line:

- *1 Corinthians 6:19 — Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost.*

Reasoning:

Some medicines are lawful and healing when used properly. Recreational abuse is different from medical treatment.

Practical decision:

Medical treatment is different from destructive escape. If a substance is not healing you but controlling you, isolating you, or damaging your judgment, seek help and replace secrecy with accountability.

Seek help if drugs became escape from misery. Replace secrecy with counseling, accountability, and healthy routines.

Q5. Can a Christian gamble?

Short answer:

Gambling is spiritually dangerous because it often feeds greed, addiction, false hope, and irresponsible risk.

Scripture line:

- *Proverbs 13:11 — Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished.*

Reasoning:

Some may call it entertainment, but the fruit often includes debt, secrecy, broken trust, and chasing luck instead of stewardship.

Gambling often promises quick rescue while slowly training the heart in greed and risk. If you are in debt, gambling is not faith. It is a dangerous shortcut. Build wealth through work, skill, planning, saving, truth, and generosity.

Practical decision:

Gambling can look like hope to someone under pressure, but it often deepens pressure. Replace chance with stewardship: work, skill, budgeting, honesty, patience, and wise counsel.

Replace gambling with budgeting, skill-building, saving, honest work, and generosity.

Q6. Can a Christian work in a club or questionable environment?

Short answer:

It depends on role, conscience, risk, and whether the work requires participation in sin.

Scripture line:

- *1 Corinthians 10:31 — Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

Reasoning:

A cleaner, guard, accountant, or technician may face different moral questions than someone paid to promote drunkenness or sexual temptation.

Practical decision:

If you cannot leave immediately, do not panic. Start planning. Ask what the job requires of you, what it is doing to your heart, and what next step can move you toward cleaner work.

If the environment pulls you back into bondage, plan an exit. Seek counsel and alternative work while guarding your conscience.

Q7. Is missing church wrong?

Short answer:

Missing once for sickness, distance, work, caregiving, or safety is different from rejecting fellowship.

Scripture line:

- *Hebrews 10:25 — Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.*

Reasoning:

Church attendance is not a magic badge, but believers are not designed for isolation.

Practical decision:

Missing church occasionally because of illness, travel, work, or emergency is different from choosing isolation as a lifestyle. Your soul needs fellowship, correction, encouragement, and shared worship.

If you are wounded, seek healing and healthy fellowship. If you are lazy, repent and return to community.

Q8. Is “church is in my heart” enough?

Short answer:

Faith must live in the heart, but biblical Christianity also includes fellowship, teaching, prayer, correction, and service.

Scripture line:

- *Acts 2:42 — They continued steadfastly in doctrine and fellowship.*

Reasoning:

Some say this because of church hurt; others say it to avoid accountability.

Practical decision:

Faith is personal, but it is not private isolation. If church hurt pushed you away, seek healing and safer fellowship. Do not let pain convince you that you no longer need the body of Christ.

Do not run into unsafe places, but do not use pain as a permanent excuse for isolation.

Q9. Can a Christian be rich?

Short answer:

Yes, but wealth must not become god, identity, oppression, or pride.

Scripture line:

- *1 Timothy 6:17 — Charge them that are rich... that they be not highminded.*

Reasoning:

Scripture includes wealthy people who served God and warnings about riches deceiving the heart.

Practical decision:

Wealth is not automatically sin, but it is spiritually dangerous when it becomes identity or power. Ask whether money is making you more generous, honest, humble, and responsible.

Acquire wealth honestly, use it responsibly, and let generosity keep pride weak.

Q10. Can the rich enter heaven?

Short answer:

Yes, by God's grace, but riches can make surrender difficult.

Scripture line:

- *Mark 10:27 — With men it is impossible, but not with God.*

Reasoning:

Jesus warned that wealth can trap the heart. The issue is not only amount but trust and obedience.

Practical decision:

Jesus warned about riches because they can make a person self-sufficient. A rich person must learn dependence, generosity, justice, and humility before God.

Ask whether money owns you. Practice generosity, justice, and simplicity.

Q11. What if someone gained wealth illegally then got saved?

Short answer:

Forgiveness is real, but repentance should seek truth, restitution, and changed practice where possible.

Scripture line:

- *Luke 19:8 — If I have taken any thing... I restore him fourfold.*

Reasoning:

Zacchaeus did not only celebrate salvation; he addressed what he had taken.

Practical decision:

Restitution is not always simple, but the heart must be willing. Ask what can be repaired, who was harmed, and what counsel is needed so repentance becomes visible and wise.

Seek pastoral, legal, and wise counsel. Do not use donations to hide victims.

Q12. Can a church receive money from politicians or questionable people?

Short answer:

A church must use wisdom, transparency, and accountability.

Scripture line:

- *2 Corinthians 8:21 — Providing for honest things... in the sight of men.*

Reasoning:

A gift should not buy silence, leadership, influence, or spiritual image.

Practical decision:

Money from powerful people should not buy silence, control, or spiritual endorsement. Churches need wisdom,

transparency, accountability, and courage to refuse gifts that corrupt the mission.

Ask: Is the source criminal? Will it control the pulpit? Is it transparent? Does it harm trust?

Q13. If I cheated in exams or a job application, must I confess?

Short answer:

Truth matters, but the path should be handled with wisdom because consequences can be serious.

Scripture line:

- *Proverbs 22:1 — A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.*

Reasoning:

A believer should not build life on deception, but confession may require counsel, legal advice, and a responsible plan.

Practical decision:

Confession requires wisdom. Do not act impulsively in a way that creates new harm, but do not build your future on a lie. Seek pastoral and professional counsel where consequences are serious.

Seek mature counsel. Stop further lying. Prepare for consequences and repair where possible.

Q14. Is sex before marriage sin?

Short answer:

Scripture places sexual union within covenant faithfulness and marriage honor.

Scripture line:

- *Hebrews 13:4 — Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled.*

Reasoning:

Modern culture may call it normal, but normal does not mean holy.

Practical decision:

Sexual purity is not hatred of desire; it is the ordering of desire under covenant. God protects intimacy by placing it inside faithful responsibility.

If you have fallen, repent and rebuild boundaries. Grace calls you forward, not deeper into secrecy.

Q15. Must a couple do a church wedding before living together?

Short answer:

Marriage is covenant, public responsibility, faithfulness, and recognition; a ceremony alone is not the whole marriage, but secrecy is not covenant.

Scripture line:

- *Genesis 2:24 — A man shall... cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

Reasoning:

Different cultures recognize marriage differently, but hiding, using, or avoiding responsibility is dangerous.

Practical decision:

A church wedding may not be the only cultural form, but public covenant, legal/social clarity, family responsibility, and spiritual honor matter. Hiding is not the same as marriage.

Seek counsel, family/legal clarity, and spiritual honesty.

Q16. Is divorce sin?

Short answer:

Divorce is not God's original ideal, but Scripture addresses painful situations such as sexual immorality and abandonment.

Scripture line:

- *Matthew 19:8 — From the beginning it was not so.*

Reasoning:

Do not use this teaching to trap anyone in abuse or danger. Safety matters.

Practical decision:

Divorce is painful and should not be treated casually. Yet Scripture recognizes serious brokenness. Safety, counsel, repentance, truth, and protection from abuse must be taken seriously.

Seek pastoral counsel, legal advice, and protection where necessary.

Q17. What if my spouse cheats?

Short answer:

Forgiveness does not mean pretending betrayal did not happen.

Scripture line:

- *Ephesians 4:32 — Be ye kind... forgiving one another.*

Reasoning:

Trust may require confession, accountability, counseling, time, and changed behavior.

Practical decision:

Forgiveness may begin in the heart, but trust is rebuilt through truth, time, accountability, and changed behavior. Do not use forgiveness to avoid repair.

Do not rush public decisions to please people. Seek wisdom and safety.

Q18. Is polygamy sin?

Short answer:

The Bible records polygamy, but recording is not the same as recommending. The creation pattern points to one man and one woman becoming one flesh.

Scripture line:

- *Genesis 2:24 — They shall be one flesh.*

Reasoning:

Polygamy in Scripture often brought conflict, rivalry, and family pain.

Practical decision:

Polygamy appears in biblical history, but its fruit often included rivalry, pain, and family conflict. A Christian should look to God's design of faithful covenant and the teaching of Christ.

Study Scripture carefully and seek pastoral counsel, especially where families already exist.

Q19. Is masturbation sin?

Short answer:

The Bible does not use the modern term directly, but it speaks about lust, self-control, purity, and honoring the body.

Scripture line:

- *Matthew 5:28 — Whosoever looketh... to lust... hath committed adultery... in his heart.*

Reasoning:

If it is driven by pornography, fantasy, secrecy, or bondage, it is spiritually dangerous.

Practical decision:

The issue is often not only the physical act but the imagination, secrecy, fantasy, and control around it. Bring the struggle into light and pursue freedom without despair.

Do not live in shame cycles. Build boundaries, accountability, and replacement habits.

Q20. Is watching pornography sin?

Short answer:

Yes, pornography trains lust, objectifies people, and damages the heart.

Scripture line:

- *1 Corinthians 6:18 — Flee fornication.*

Reasoning:

It may begin with curiosity but often grows into secrecy and bondage.

Practical decision:

Pornography trains the heart to consume people rather than love them. It can damage marriage purity, imagination, and

peace. Freedom requires more than guilt; it requires new routines.

Remove access, confess to God, seek accountability, and rebuild imagination with truth.

Q21. Should we blame alcohol, friends, family, or ourselves?

Short answer:

Influences matter, but responsibility still belongs to the person who chooses.

Scripture line:

- *Galatians 6:7 — Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

Reasoning:

Bad friends, family wounds, alcohol, and environment can contribute, but they should not become permanent excuses.

Practical decision:

Influence matters, but responsibility still remains. You may need to leave certain friends, but you must also own the choices you made with them.

Name the influence, accept responsibility, and change the environment.

Q22. How should employers treat workers?

Short answer:

With fairness, dignity, timely pay, listening, and safety.

Scripture line:

- *Colossians 4:1 — Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal.*

Reasoning:

A Christian employer should not hide exploitation behind prayer.

Practical decision:

An employer carries power before God. Pay fairly, correct respectfully, give clarity, and remember that workers are not machines but people made in God's image.

Review wages, workload, respect, and communication.

Q23. How should workers treat employers?

Short answer:

With honesty, diligence, respect, and truthful service.

Scripture line:

- *Colossians 3:23 — Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily.*

Reasoning:

Being underpaid or frustrated does not justify theft, sabotage, or laziness.

Practical decision:

A worker honors God through honesty, diligence, respect, and truth. Do not steal time, lie about work, or use bad leadership as permission for bad character.

Communicate concerns, work faithfully, and seek better opportunities wisely.

Q24. How should sellers treat buyers?

Short answer:

With honesty, fair weights, clear information, and no exploitation.

Scripture line:

- *Proverbs 11:1 — A false balance is abomination to the LORD.*

Reasoning:

Profit is not sin; deception is.

Practical decision:

A seller can make profit without deception. A buyer can bargain without manipulation. Trade becomes worship when truth and fairness are present.

Make money without making another person a victim.

Q25. Should Christians keep helping opportunists?

Short answer:

Christians should keep doing good, but with wisdom and boundaries.

Scripture line:

- *Galatians 6:9 — Let us not be weary in well doing.*

Reasoning:

Some people need help; others need accountability.

Practical decision:

Helping people does not mean losing all boundaries. You can give wisely, teach skills, ask questions, and refuse patterns that create dependency.

Give in ways that build dignity: food, skill, advice, work leads, or structured support.

Q26. Is it karma or sowing and reaping?

Short answer:

Christians do not need karma to know actions have consequences. Scripture teaches sowing and reaping.

Scripture line:

- *Galatians 6:7 — Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

Reasoning:

God also gives mercy and calls people to repentance before judgment.

Practical decision:

The Bible teaches sowing and reaping, but do not use it cruelly to explain every suffering person's pain. Some suffering is caused by sin; some is caused by a broken world; some remains mystery.

Do not use fear language to curse people. Teach responsibility and repentance.

Q27. Can AI help preaching?

Short answer:

AI can assist organization, research prompts, translation, accessibility, and clarity, but it cannot replace the Holy Spirit, Scripture, pastors, prayer, or compassion.

Scripture line:

- *Zechariah 4:6 — Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit.*

Reasoning:

AI must be checked because it can produce error or confident falsehood.

Practical decision:

AI can assist preaching, but it cannot replace prayer, study, spiritual authority, pastoral knowledge, or the Holy Spirit. Use it as a servant, not a master.

Use AI as a servant, not a shepherd.

Q28. Can God use technology?

Short answer:

God can use any medium for His purpose, but every message must be tested by Scripture and fruit.

Scripture line:

- *Numbers 22:28 — And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass.*

Reasoning:

God used spoken words, writing, dreams, letters, and even a donkey. A tool is not greater than God.

Practical decision:

God can use tools, but tools are not God. The message must remain tested by Scripture, humility, and spiritual fruit.

Use tools humbly and test content carefully.

Q29. Can online fellowship replace physical church?

Short answer:

Online fellowship can help, but it should not become a permanent replacement for embodied Christian community where gathering is possible.

Scripture line:

- *Hebrews 10:25 — Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.*

Reasoning:

Distance, sickness, travel, or persecution may require online support.

Practical decision:

Online fellowship helps, especially where distance or illness exists, but physical fellowship matters when possible.

Christianity is embodied love.

Use online tools to connect back to real fellowship, service, and accountability.

Q30. Can a gospel artist collaborate with a secular artist?

Short answer:

It requires discernment about message, motive, influence, and fruit.

Scripture line:

- *1 Corinthians 10:31 — Do all to the glory of God.*

Reasoning:

A collaboration may reach people, but it can also confuse witness if the message or lifestyle contradicts the Gospel.

Practical decision:

Collaboration requires discernment. Ask whether the message remains Gospel-centered, whether compromise is required, and whether the fruit will lead people closer to Christ.

Ask: Does this glorify God, compromise truth, or pull listeners toward confusion?

Q31. Why does God allow war and suffering?

Short answer:

The Bible shows a fallen world, human sin, corrupt power, spiritual evil, and God's final promise to restore.

Scripture line:

- *John 16:33 — In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer.*

Reasoning:

God is not indifferent; Christ entered suffering and overcame death.

Practical decision:

Suffering is not always explained quickly. The cross shows that God entered pain, and resurrection shows that pain will not rule forever.

Lament, pray, help, pursue peace, and hold hope.

Q32. Can God forgive all the wrong I have done?

Short answer:

Yes, there is forgiveness in Christ, but true repentance does not celebrate the old life.

Scripture line:

- *1 John 1:9 — If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.*

Reasoning:

Some consequences may remain, and repair may be needed where possible.

Practical decision:

No past is too dark for God's mercy, but forgiveness should lead you into truth, repair where possible, and a changed life.

Come to God honestly, confess, make right what you can, and walk in new obedience.

Q33. Can a Christian doubt sometimes?

Short answer:

Yes, a believer may face questions, pain, fear, or confusion; doubt becomes dangerous when it refuses to seek truth.

Scripture line:

- *Mark 9:24 — Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.*

Reasoning:

Many people in Scripture cried out, asked questions, or struggled to understand God's ways. Honest seeking can become a doorway to deeper faith.

Practical decision:

Doubt should become a doorway to seeking, not a home of unbelief. Bring questions to God, Scripture, mature believers, and honest study.

Bring doubt into prayer, Scripture, wise counsel, and patient study instead of hiding it in isolation.

Q34. Why do I pray but still struggle?

Short answer:

Prayer is powerful, but struggle may involve process, wisdom, healing, discipline, counsel, or consequences.

Scripture line:

- *2 Corinthians 12:9 — My grace is sufficient for thee.*

Reasoning:

God may deliver instantly, strengthen gradually, or teach obedience through process. Struggle does not always mean God has rejected you.

Practical decision:

Prayer does not always remove struggle instantly. Sometimes God heals through process, discipline, counsel, repentance, medicine, community, and endurance.

Keep praying, but also change routines, seek help, repair wrongs, and act wisely.

Q35. Why are there many denominations?

Short answer:

Denominations come from history, doctrine, culture, leadership, mission, and sometimes pride or division.

Scripture line:

- *Ephesians 4:3 — Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

Reasoning:

Different names do not have to mean hatred. Truth matters, but love must remain visible.

Practical decision:

Denominations should not produce hatred. Hold truth seriously, but reject pride, mockery, and unnecessary division.

Know what you believe, respect others where possible, and refuse unnecessary hatred.

Q36. Can a Christian dance or enjoy culture?

Short answer:

Yes, joy and culture can be received with gratitude, but the believer must test the motive, message, and environment.

Scripture line:

- *Philippians 4:8 — Whatsoever things are pure... think on these things.*

Reasoning:

Some dance expresses joy, celebration, art, or culture. Some dancing is designed to stir lust, pride, or rebellion.

Practical decision:

Dance can be celebration or temptation depending on context, motive, and fruit. Ask what it is expressing and what it is awakening.

Ask whether it honors God, respects others, and leaves your conscience clean.

Q37. Can a Christian watch any movie or series?

Short answer:

A Christian should choose carefully because repeated images and stories train the heart.

Scripture line:

- *Psalm 101:3 — I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes.*

Reasoning:

A film may educate, inspire, warn, or entertain. It becomes dangerous when it feeds lust, violence, witchcraft fascination, cruelty, or spiritual numbness.

Practical decision:

Entertainment shapes imagination. Do not only ask if a movie is allowed; ask what it normalizes in your heart.

Stop content that weakens your walk. Replace it with healthier stories, study, worship, or creative work.

Q38. Is tattooing a sin?

Short answer:

This requires careful biblical and cultural reasoning, not careless shouting.

Scripture line:

- *1 Corinthians 6:20 — Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

Reasoning:

Some quote Old Testament warnings connected to pagan practices. You must also examine motive, identity, meaning, conscience, and witness.

Practical decision:

Tattoo questions require motive, identity, culture, conscience, and witness. Do not rush to pride or condemnation. Let holiness and wisdom guide you.

Do not mark your body out of rebellion, pressure, occult identity, or pain without wisdom. Seek counsel before permanent choices.

Q39. How should a woman treat a man with no money?

Short answer:

With dignity and honesty, but not by carrying irresponsibility or accepting abuse.

Scripture line:

- *1 Corinthians 13:4 — Charity suffereth long, and is kind.*

Reasoning:

Lack of money is not lack of worth. But a person who refuses effort, truth, or responsibility should not be romanticized.

Practical decision:

A man without money still deserves dignity, but love should not excuse laziness or lack of direction. Support and responsibility should walk together.

Respect the person, discuss the plan, and watch character over time.

Q40. How should Christians handle relatives they hate or avoid?

Short answer:

Hatred poisons the heart, but reconciliation must be pursued with wisdom and safety.

Scripture line:

- *Romans 12:18 — If it be possible... live peaceably with all men.*

Reasoning:

Some relatives are difficult, unsafe, or manipulative. Love does not always mean closeness without boundaries.

Practical decision:

Family wounds can be deep. Forgiveness does not always mean close access. Seek peace, boundaries, prayer, and wise counsel.

Pray, forgive, set boundaries, seek peace where possible, and avoid revenge.

Q41. How can Christians live or study with people who hate them?

Short answer:

With wisdom, boundaries, excellence, prayer, and refusal to repay evil for evil.

Scripture line:

- *Romans 12:21 — Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.*

Reasoning:

Not everyone will like you. Some opposition may reveal character and maturity.

Practical decision:

Living with hostile people requires wisdom. Be truthful, avoid revenge, document what matters, seek support, and refuse to become cruel.

Do your work well, document serious mistreatment, seek help where needed, and keep your heart clean.

Q42. Can social media be ministry?

Short answer:

Yes, if it carries truth, encouragement, testimony, teaching, and love rather than pride and confusion.

Scripture line:

- *Matthew 5:16 — Let your light so shine before men.*

Reasoning:

A post can reach someone who would not attend church first. But social media can also feed vanity and comparison.

Practical decision:

Social media can be ministry when it carries truth, hope, testimony, teaching, and compassion. It becomes dangerous when it feeds ego more than mission.

Post with purpose. Verify before sharing. Do not turn ministry into performance.

Q43. Why are Christians persecuted?

Short answer:

Jesus told believers that following Him could bring opposition.

Scripture line:

- *John 15:20 — If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you.*

Reasoning:

Persecution may come from hatred, fear, politics, false accusation, or spiritual darkness. The church must pray and stand with the suffering.

Practical decision:

Persecution reminds you that faith can cost something. Pray, support, speak truth wisely, and do not take freedom for granted.

Do not hate back. Pray, support, speak truth wisely, and remain faithful.

Q44. What is hypocrisy?

Short answer:

Hypocrisy is pretending to be righteous while refusing truth and repentance.

Scripture line:

- *Matthew 23:27 — Ye appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones.*

Reasoning:

Struggling is not hypocrisy. Hiding behind religious image while harming others is.

Practical decision:

Hypocrisy is pretending, not struggling. A struggling person can be helped when they come into truth. A pretending person must first stop protecting the mask.

Stop protecting image. Confess, repair, and live truthfully.

Q45. How should Christians respond to friends who lead them into wrong habits?

Short answer:

Love them, but do not surrender your future to their influence.

Scripture line:

- *1 Corinthians 15:33 — Evil communications corrupt good manners.*

Reasoning:

Wrong company can make sin feel normal. Some friends are not enemies, but they are not safe for your calling.

Practical decision:

Some friendships must change if they keep leading you back into bondage. Love people, but do not let loyalty to them destroy obedience to God.

Change company, set boundaries, and find people who strengthen obedience.

Q46. Can a Christian still recover after addiction and public shame?

Short answer:

Yes, recovery is possible through truth, repentance, support, discipline, and God's mercy.

Scripture line:

- *Psalm 34:18 — The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart.*

Reasoning:

Shame says the story is over. Grace says the story can be corrected. Consequences may remain, but purpose can still live.

Practical decision:

Public shame can become a turning point if you stop hiding and start rebuilding. Recovery requires truth, structure, support, and patience.

Build a sober support system and replace destructive routines with service, study, exercise, and counsel.

Q47. Why should anyone read this book?

Short answer:

Because it brings scattered questions into one conversation with Scripture, testimony, wisdom, and practical decisions.

Scripture line:

- *Isaiah 1:18 — Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD.*

Reasoning:

Many people search privately because they fear shame. This book gives language for pastors, students, parents, workers, churches, and seekers.

Practical decision:

This book is worth reading because it joins Scripture, testimony, real questions, practical decisions, and technology in one conversation. It does not ask you to pretend life is simple; it invites you to reason with God and walk toward hope.

Read it as a guide, teach from it as a course, and use it as a mirror for real life.

Your Decision Guide.

Before making a difficult decision, ask: What does Scripture say directly? What biblical principle applies? Who may be harmed? What does love require? What does truth require? What does the law require? What fruit will this produce in five years?

If the matter involves abuse, addiction, crime, self-harm, violence, children, marriage breakdown, or serious financial damage, seek mature pastoral counsel and professional help where necessary. Faith is not the enemy of wisdom.

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Appendix D: Death, Grief, Mourning, and Hope.

Focus: death, loss, remembrance, honesty, and Christian hope.

Death is one of the deepest human questions. It touches families, churches, social media, funerals, culture, money, memories, and faith. Many believers know what to do at a wedding, but become confused when death enters the room. Some cry openly. Some freeze. Some post RIP messages. Some print T-shirts. Some pray all night. Some avoid the funeral because grief is too heavy. Some families even fight about money, land, burial plans, or the story told about how the person died.

Scripture to read and affirm:

- John 11:35 - Jesus wept.
- Ecclesiastes 3:1,4 - To every thing there is a season... a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.
- Psalm 34:18 - The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 - Sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
- Revelation 21:4 - God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

The Bible does not deny grief. Jesus Himself wept at the tomb of Lazarus. That means tears are not weakness and mourning is not lack of faith. Christian hope does not cancel human pain; it gives pain a place to breathe before God.

Old Testament mourning and human sorrow.

In the Old Testament, people mourned with tears, fasting, torn garments, silence, burial care, and days of grief. Abraham mourned for Sarah. Jacob mourned when he believed Joseph was dead. David mourned over Saul, Jonathan, Absalom, and the child who died. These stories show that grief is not new. People of faith have always felt the weight of death.

Today, mourning may include funerals, memorial services, RIP posts, printed T-shirts, photos, candlelight services, fundraising, family meetings, and online tributes. These things are not automatically wrong. They can help people remember, gather support, and honor a life. But they must be done with truth, respect, and humility.

RIP posts, T-shirts, and public mourning.

Posting RIP can be a way of sharing sorrow and inviting prayer. Wearing a memorial T-shirt can show love and unity. But grief should not become performance, competition, or pressure. It is wise to consider the family, the dignity of the dead, and the pain of those closest to the loss. Do not rush to post private information before the family is ready. Do not use someone's death to chase attention.

Should Christians pray for the dead?

A humble biblical answer.

Christians should pray when someone dies, but the main biblical emphasis is praying for the living: the grieving family, the wounded heart, the confused children, the church community, and the people making decisions. Scripture calls believers to comfort one another with hope, to mourn with those who mourn, and to entrust judgment to God.

Different Christian traditions speak differently about prayers for the dead. This book keeps a humble position: do not use death to manipulate families, sell fear, or promise what Scripture does not clearly promise. Pray for comfort, peace, repentance among the living, family unity, and wisdom. Entrust the person who has died to the mercy and justice of God.

What the church should do.

- Comfort the family without turning pain into a show.
- Help practically where possible - food, transport, burial planning, counseling, and presence.
- Preach hope without pretending the family is not hurting.
- Avoid using funerals only to raise money, attack people, or display spiritual power.
- Speak truth with gentleness, especially when the person's life was complicated.

Truth matters even when grief is painful.

Sometimes families hide the real cause of death because of shame, fear, insurance, reputation, land issues, crime, suicide, addiction, disease, or family conflict. Wisdom is needed. Not every private detail belongs on social media, but deliberate lies that harm others, steal money, cover crime, or destroy justice are not Christian integrity.

If a death involves violence, crime, abuse, neglect, fraud, or public risk, truth and lawful process matter. If the issue is private medical pain, family shame, or sensitive history, speak with care and protect dignity. The question is not whether everybody must know everything. The question is whether the story being told is truthful, lawful, loving, and just.

Research note.

This guide also grew from listening to people, talking to church leaders, and observing how families and churches carry real pain. The aim is not to judge mourners, but to help people grieve with truth, wisdom, faith, and compassion.

A practical path through grief.

Grieve, but do not grieve without hope.

Grief can move through shock, anger, denial, guilt, silence, deep sadness, and slow acceptance. People do not heal at the same speed. Do not tell someone to ‘be strong’ in a way that forbids tears. Do not force someone to speak before they are ready. Sit with them. Pray with them. Help with food, children, errands, transport, and funeral responsibilities.

Practical path forward.

- Allow tears without calling them unbelief.
- Before posting RIP, ask whether the family has informed close relatives.
- Use memorial T-shirts and photos respectfully, not as competition or pressure.
- Do not lie for money, image, inheritance, or revenge.
- Pray for the grieving family, peace, repentance among the living, and hope in Christ.
- Let funerals remind the living to number their days and walk wisely.

Pause and reason.

If death entered your home today, would your family find truth, peace, preparation, and love - or confusion, lies, and conflict? What can you correct now while you are alive?

Short talk line.

·We mourn with tears, but we do not mourn without hope.·

References and Verification Note.

Scripture lines are provided as short Holy Bible reading prompts with references. You may read the full passages in your preferred Bible, including NIV, while this edition keeps the quotations brief for study, teaching, and reflection.

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Why Read This Book?

The world is full of information, but much of it is scattered. This book brings real questions into one clear Christian conversation. From Genesis to Revelation, Jef Kanzy connects the story of Scripture with the realities of modern life — faith and work, suffering and purpose, relationships and restoration, church and community, technology and the age of AI.

Written for pastors, students, families, churches, and readers seeking honest answers, PreachTech offers biblical insight, practical wisdom, and hope. It also introduces Church Portal Global, a digital ministry vision designed to connect people with God, church, Gospel content, Bible study, Christian Unions, Sunday school, prayer, events, and wise use of technology.

Technology can carry a message, but it cannot replace God's presence, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, pastors, prayer, compassion, fellowship, or church.

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