

Lessons Learned About God, Life, and Man

8. Instead of participating in sinful activity, Christians are supposed to be lights to those who are lost in this world's darkness; they are to be lights that expose such things, 5:11-13.
9. If you've been living a life of sin or struggling with sin, it's time to wake up! It's time to come out from among the dead souls that roam this earth, out of the darkness of this world and into Jesus' light, 5:14.
10. Christians need to be wise and make every minute of their lives count for God and the lives of others; they need to seek what God wants and then do it because Satan and his evil ways are hard at work, 5:15-17.
11. Instead of being under the influence of any substance—alcohol or otherwise—we should be under the influence of the Holy Spirit, i.e., it's the Holy Spirit who should control and guide our lives, 5:18.
12. If we allow the Holy Spirit to control and guide us, God's Word will bring comfort and joy to us, even in the form of song as we worship the Lord together or individually. The Spirit will also give us a heart of gratitude; we will thank God our Father for everything in our lives, good or bad. Finally, God's Spirit will give us a heart of submission, i.e., He will give us the strength to place others above us, especially if they are below us in rank, 5:18-33.
13. The husband has the last word on everything. BUT he's not there to serve his own interests; he's there to serve hers. He's her leader and savior whose goal is to see her be the best wife she can be in every aspect, whether wife, mother, and/or businesswoman, especially because she's part of him (as we are part of the Lord), 5:22-33.
14. When God speaks to us as husbands and wives, what does it mean to imitate God and walk in love as Christ did when He died for us? It means we treat our spouse as more important than ourselves; we serve them instead of ourselves. Thus, we live for others as Jesus and the Father did [cf. Matthew 3:16-4:11; Philippians 2:5-8], 5:1-33.