

Second Corinthians 4:13-18

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus *will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence*. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, *our inner self is being renewed day by day*. For this light momentary affliction is *preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen*. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

John 15:1-5

“*I am the true vine*, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, *that it may bear more fruit*. Already you are clean because of *the word that I have spoken to you*. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch *cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine*, neither can you, *unless you abide in me*. *I am the vine; you are the branches*. *Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*”

Romans 12:1-2

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a *living sacrifice*, holy and *acceptable to God*, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Acts 2:42-47

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and *had all things in common*. And they were *selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need*. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, *they received their food with glad and generous hearts*, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

Mark 7:9-13

And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, ‘*Honor your father and your mother*’; and, ‘*Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.*’ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “*Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban*”’ (that is, *given to God*)—then you no longer permit him *to do anything for his father or mother*, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down.”