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Title:

SCRIPTURES

- Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17
- Matthew 18:18

INDOMITABLE GRACE

- Wholistic Grace
- Grace Stewardship

In some circles in the Christian faith it is believed that God's grace is irresistible. What does that even mean? I think it best we consider the idea of grace first, before we decide if it is so overwhelming, overpowering, and compelling, as to be involuntarily unavoidable. I like to think of grace as the brilliance that might reflect off the perfect diamond, if you were to shine the brightest light imaginable in its direction. Yes, that's a great word picture, especially if you are the diamond. In spiritual vernacular, grace is God's supernatural power. God directs His power towards us in all its indomitable magnificence, and it has no choice but to reflect.

And that inspires a second question. Do we have a choice to encounter grace? I'm not thinking about the reflecting back part; that's should be self-evident. If the brightest of lights is blasted toward an object, it will illuminate that object as the light reflects from it. I'm thinking, instead, of the diamond. How perfect is the

diamond, how polished? Sure light will reflect off a lump of coal if it's in the path of that light, but it won't be brilliant. And the question remains; can the diamond (or coal) run and hide, or is the brilliance unavoidable...inescapable? I'll leave that for you to ponder, as my true concern for now is you, the diamond itself, the object doing the reflecting, assuming it has encountered God's grace. And let's make a clear distinction, as there are some who believe God's grace excuses abhorrent behavior. That is like hijacking God's power in some slimy back alley transaction. Note to self: it won't work!

So, let's presume you have encountered God's grace; His supernatural power. What then? To me, it's as if you've been handed the codes to a nuclear weapon. But, in this case, it's not a weapon; it's a blessing. Or, maybe it's a weapon and a blessing. The point is —what are you going to do with it? You've been cut and polished to reflect God's grace, or have you? And if so; what will you do with it? That is the real question; what are you going to do with God's indomitable grace?

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

“Behold, I set before you today a **blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey** the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you today; and **the curse, if you do not obey** the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way

which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known. Now it shall be, when the Lord your God has brought you into the land which you go to possess, **that you shall put the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.**"

Deuteronomy 11:26-29 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

"Assuredly, I say to you, **whatever you bind** on earth **will be bound** in heaven, and **whatever you loose** on earth **will be loosed** in heaven." Matthew 18:18 NKJV

"**If you forgive** the sins of any, **they are forgiven** them; **if you retain** the sins of any, **they are retained.**" John 20:23 NKJV

"If the household is worthy, **let your peace come upon it.** But if it is not worthy, **let your peace return to you.**" Mat.10:13 NKJV

"and what is the exceeding greatness of **His power toward us who believe**, according to the working of **His mighty power** which He worked in Christ when He **raised Him from the dead** and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places," Eph. 1:19-20 NKJV

"Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, **that it may impart grace** to the hearers." Ephesians 4:29 NKJV

"and being ready to **punish all disobedience** when your obedience is fulfilled." II Corinthians 10:6 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. This portion of Deuteronomy reviews the following:
 - (a) A Prescribed Place of Worship
 - (b) A Warning about False Gods
 - (c) Punishment for Apostates
 - (d) Improper Mourning
 - (e) Clean and Unclean Meat
 - (f) Tithing Principles
 - (g) Debts being Canceled Every Seven Years
 - (h) Generosity to the Poor
 - (i) The Law Concerning Bondservants
 - (j) The Law Concerning Firstborn Animals
 - (k) A Review of Passover, The Feast of Weeks, and The Feast of Tabernacles

Deuteronomy 11

2. We start off with yet another reminder that Yahweh's blessings will follow adherence to His commandments and curses will follow disobedience. Each time you see phrases like, "the commandments of Yahweh your God which I command you today," do remember that 'today' is referring to Deuteronomy as the second telling of God's laws as a whole.

3. This is important as to not get confused throughout the book when Moses alternates by referring to plural commandments and singular commandment. In all cases he is referring to the entire law. As an example:

(a) *“And you will again obey the voice of the LORD and do **all His commandments** which I command you today.”*

(Deuteronomy 30:8) AND...

(b) *“**For this commandment** which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off.” (Deuteronomy 30:11)*

Deuteronomy 12

4. A Prescribed Place of Worship and Some Key Reminders:

- (a) Utterly destroy all pagan worship centers, instruments, monuments, images, and even the names of their Gods.
- (b) Do seek a place that Yahweh chooses.
- (c) Run from every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes.
- (d) When you cross over and dwell in safety, Yahweh will choose a place to make His name abide.
- (e) Don't just sacrifice any place you want, but only in the place Yahweh chooses.
- (f) You may slaughter and eat meat (for food) any place you wish, even those who are unlearn may eat. Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it on the earth like water.

- (g) Don't, however, eat within your gates the tithe. Instead eat it before the LORD your God in the place which the LORD your God chooses.
 - (h) **Exception:** If the place where the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far, you may eat within your gates. But not eating the blood still applies!
5. **Beware of False Gods:** When you go in and take the promised land, and you defeat the pagan nations, don't develop any interest in anything about their gods or their worship practices. It will lead you down a dark path that will not end well. Trust me, everything they do is an abomination. *"Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; **you shall not add to it nor take away from it.**" Deuteronomy 12:32 [See [Your Final Testimony](#) about not adding or taking away from God's Word!)*

Deuteronomy 13

6. **Punishment for Apostates:** Here's the bottom line; anyone who entices you to go after other gods and serve them shall be utterly destroyed. Those who shall be obliterated include: false prophets; family members; and anyone from your cities, who were themselves enticed by pagan worshipers, and in turn attempt to entice you.
- (a) In the case of the latter, you must also utterly destroy the city and everything in it!

Deuteronomy 14

7. **Improper Mourning:** Don't cut yourself or shave your heads in strange ways like the pagans do when they are mourning the loss of a loved one.
8. **Clean and Unclean Meat:** Moses reiterates his message from Leviticus 11 about what is permitted to be eaten from the land, the sea and the air. You can read all the details in Deuteronomy 14:3-21. Note Deuteronomy 14:21: *"You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk."* This is the verse that Rabbinic Judaism interprets to prohibit eating milk products and meat in the same meal. They do this to insure they do not consume the milk from the mother of the animal they are eating.
 - (a) From the land, the animal must have the hoof split into two parts, and must chew the cud in order to be clean as food. Of course, some animals have neither, and there are some that have one or the other. To be clear, the animal must have **both** to be considered food. This has never changed. See the Jerusalem Counsel Ruling in Acts 15:1-29 if you are uncertain about this fact. And of you think Peter's vision in Acts 10:9-16 changes these laws, think again. The vision was about men, not food.

- 1) God told Peter, “And a voice spoke to him again the second time, **“What God has cleansed you must not call common.”**” Acts 10:15 NKJV
- 2) And to leave nothing to your imagination, Peter interprets the vision for us: *“Then he said to them, “You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. **But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.**”* Acts 10:28 NKJV
- 3) Peter tells his testimony about this vision and revelation again in Acts 11:1-18. In Acts 11:9 he quotes God’s exact words in Acts 10:15. *“What God has cleansed you must not call common.”* And the entire context of Acts 11:1-18 is clearly demonstrating that what God was teaching Peter (and us) is to never call people unclean who He has called clean. He was calling Peter to preach to the gentiles! *“If therefore God gave them [the Gentiles] the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, **who was I that I could withstand God?**”* (Acts 11:17 NKJV) His “blanket-coming-down-vision” was about people was not food and who was Peter to deny his calling to the Gentiles, despite his religious predisposition to call them unclean!

9. Tithing Principles:

- (a) Tithe your increase of everything so you may learn to fear Yahweh always.
- (b) Eat it before Yahweh in the place where He chooses to make His name abide.
- (c) But, if the journey is too long, then exchange your increase for money, and take the money to the place God chooses. Spend that money for whatever your heart desires. Then, eat it there as you rejoice.
- (d) At the end of every third year you shall bring out the tithe of your produce of that year and store it up within your gates. Use it to feed the Levites, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your gates. Yahweh will bless you in all the work of your hand if you do.

Deuteronomy 15

10. Debts Canceled Every Seven Years:

- (a) At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release of debts of fellow Israelites (natural and grafted), but from a foreigner you may require it.
- (b) Give up all claims except when there are no poor among you. (And there will always be poor among you...
Deuteronomy 15:11)
- (c) *“For the LORD your God will bless you just as He promised you; you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not*

borrow; you shall reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over you.” Deuteronomy 15:6 NKJV

11. Generosity to the Poor:

- (a) Open your hand wide to the poor and willingly lend to him what is sufficient for his need.
- (b) Do not let the proximity of their need to the year of release influence your lending. That would be evil!
- (c) For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, ‘You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.’” Deuteronomy 15:11 NKJV

*****“For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always.” Mark 14:7 NKJV

12. The Law Concerning Bondservants: Your Hebrew servant is released in the seventh and you are to send them away with abundant livestock, grain, and wine. The reason is because you are so blessed and you must pass it on, plus you were so prosperous because of him. If he wants to stay because he loves you and prospers with you, he can do so, but it is a one time forever decision. (For detailed teachings on the subject see Exodus 21:2-6 and links to KEM [Sermon Notes](#) and Impact Discipleship Notes and Video: [The Bondservant and the Master](#)

13. **The Law Concerning Firstborn Animals:** Separate the firstborn of your flock and don't work it or shear it, and eat it before the LORD each year in the place the LORD chooses. If it has a defect, you can still eat it, but you cannot offer it to Yahweh. Of course, do not eat its blood.

Deuteronomy 16

14. The portion ends in chapter 16:1-17 with a review of the Passover, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles. These are the pilgrimage feasts in which you are to go to Jerusalem. This way you can celebrate in the place where the LORD chooses to make His name abide.

(a) *“Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.” Deuteronomy 16:16-17 NKJV*

15. To see last year's teaching on this portion: [Easy Entanglements](#)

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1. Spirit: that which animates life. You are born with the spirit of man and you gain access to the Spirit of God when you are born-again.

a) "Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** Do not marvel that I said to you, '**You must be born again.**'" John 3:5-7 NKJV

b) "For what man knows the things of a man except the **spirit of the man** which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except **the Spirit of God.** Now we have received, **not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God,** that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God." I Corinthians 2:11-12 NKJV

2. Soul: your mind, will, emotions, intentions, inspirations, motivations and desires. You will become what dominates your thoughts!
 - a) “For **as he thinks in his heart**, so is he...” Proverbs 23:7 NKJV
 - b) “Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the **desires of your heart**.” Psalms 37:4 NKJV
 - c) “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of **the thoughts and intents of the heart**.” Hebrews 4:12 NKJV
3. Body: the physical vehicle that houses your spirit and soul.
 - a) “Do you not know that **you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?** If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.” I Corinthians 3:16-17 NKJV
 - b) “**Flee sexual immorality** [*desires, intentions*]. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who **commits sexual immorality** sins against his

own body. Or do you not know that your **body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you**, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." I Corinthians 6:18-20 NKJV

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1. "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may **your whole spirit, soul, and**

body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” I Thessalonians 5:23 NKJV

- a) The end game is clear. Your life, through the sanctification process, is to yield a purified Spirit, soul and body.
- (b) The power we have access to should produce Godliness!
 - 1. “as **His divine power** has given to us all things that pertain to **life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue,” II Peter 1:3 NKJV
 - a) Godliness is simply wholistic integrity. When your *“your whole spirit, soul, and body becomes blameless,”* or in other words, when your triune being is in complete alignment with God’s will!
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 - 1. “do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, **may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know** what is the hope of His calling,

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 - d) What excuse then does the Christian have, who has unlimited access to God’s grace, to disobey? He commands us to obey, and then empowers us to obey. Then we either obey or not!
- (b) The above mandate in Deuteronomy seems to demonstrate how God fulfills his ultimate promise to Abraham!
- 1. **“I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”** Genesis 12:3 NKJV
- (2) Get ready to unleash...when your obedience is complete

(a) “and being ready to punish all disobedience **when your obedience is fulfilled.**” II Corinthians 10:6 NKJV

1. “Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—who in presence am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you. But I beg you that when I am present I may not be bold with that confidence by which I intend to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. **For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,** casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,** and **being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.**” II Corinthians 10:1-6 NKJV

a) The spiritual practice of taking every thought captive, and bringing it into submission to Christ, is how you create an obedient life!

- b) It is when you are living a life of radical, grace-empowered, faith-based obedience that you will be prepared to command blessings and curses!
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- (a) It is not a matter of if, but rather when you will recognize its availability, and what you will do with the power you have access to!
 - 1. “Behold, **I give you the authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the **power of the enemy**, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”
Luke 10:19 NKJV
 - 2. “Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. **But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;** and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.””
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 - (b) Again—get this revelation. You have access to the power that raised Christ from the grave!

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NKJV

C. The Daunting Commission

(1) We are commissioned to preach the Kingdom (see: [The Great Paradox](#)). This cannot be done with human strength.

We must be animated by the power of God.

(a) John was about to transition from the main event to the opening act! He was pointing toward Christ when he was pointing at the Kingdom within! (Christ was the fullness of God manifesting in human form.) John was saying, "Look at Him!" *"He must increase, but I must decrease."* (John 3:30)

1. "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"**" Matthew 3:1-2
NKJV

(b) After Christ emerged from the wilderness...Christ was pointing at Himself when He was pointing at the Kingdom within! (Christ was the fullness of God manifesting in human form.) He was saying, "Look at Me!" *"I have increased, John has decreased."*

1. "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."**"
Matthew 4:17 NKJV

(c) Preach the Kingdom (Y'shua sent out the 12 disciples).
What follows this supernatural message is supernatural
sings.

1. "And as you **go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'** Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. Matthew 10:7-8 NKJV

a) What is the Kingdom of Heaven, the Gospel of the Kingdom, the Kingdom of God...?

(d) The kingdom is within you...

1. "Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "**The kingdom of God does not come with observation;** nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, **the kingdom of God is within you.**" Luke 17:20-21 NKJV

a) The Kingdom is at hand when the fullness of God is manifesting in a human.

b) Think Jesus! Jesus was the perfect manifestation of God in man.

c) And how was that perfection achieved? He was sinless and remained sinless unto death.

- d) And what does it mean to be sinless? It means to be perfectly obedient to God's laws, because sin is lawlessness (I John 3:4).
- e) So, what does it look like when man is sinless?
- f) It looks like radical grace-empowered, faith-based obedience to God. It looks like Christ!
- g) How is that possible for you?

(2) Blood and Light

- (a) The life of the creature is in the blood.
 - 1. **"Only be sure that you do not eat the blood, for the blood is the life;** you may not eat the life with the meat." Deuteronomy 12:23 NKJV
 - 2. **"For the life of the flesh is in the blood,** and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.' Therefore I said to the children of Israel, **'No one among you shall eat blood,** nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat blood.'" Leviticus 17:11-12 NKJV
 - a) It is clear that for the flesh and blood body, that God intended for the blood to represent its life!
 - (b) But Jesus showed us something deeper about life!

1. “Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, **“I am the light of the world.** He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”” John 8:12 NKJV
 - a) Jesus shed his blood because He was more concerned with being filled with light!
- (c) The life of the creature is in the light...we were given a preview of what that looks like!
 1. “and **He was transfigured before them.** His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.” Matthew 17:2 NKJV
 - a) The Transfiguration: Peter, James and John got a sneak peek at what a human looks like when light replaces blood!
 - (d) New creature—Light replaces blood?
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(f) What will you look like?

1. “Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, **beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord**, are **being transformed into the same image from glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.” II Corinthians 3:17-18 NKJV

a) It will look like Christ staring back at you when you look in the mirror!

(3) Reminder!

(a) You cannot fail in His eyes!

1. “**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” **Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor

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fullness of God manifesting in human form.) John was saying, "Look at Him!" *"He must increase, but I must decrease."* (John 3:30)

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(c) Preach the Kingdom (Y'shua sent out the 12 disciples). What follows this supernatural message is supernatural sings.

1. What is the Kingdom of Heaven, the Gospel of the Kingdom, the Kingdom of God...?

(d) The kingdom is within you...

1. The Kingdom is at hand when the fullness of God is manifesting in a human.

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4. So, what does it look like when man is sinless?
5. It looks like radical grace-empowered, faith-based obedience to God. It looks like Christ!
6. How is that possible for you?

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- (a) The life of the creature is in the blood.
 1. It is clear that for the flesh and blood body, that God intended for the blood to represent its life!
- (b) But Jesus showed us something deeper about life!
 1. Jesus shed his blood because He was more concerned with being filled with light!
- (c) The life of the creature is in the light...we were given a preview of what that looks like!
 1. The Transfiguration: Peter, James and John got a sneak peek at what a human looks like when light replaces blood!
- (d) New creature—Light replaces blood?
- (e) He is the light of the world; You are the light of the world! Let you light (transfigured self) shine!
- (f) What will you look like?
 1. It will look like Christ staring back at you when you look in the mirror!

(3) Reminder!

(a) You cannot fail in His eyes!

1. Nothing you do can separate you from God's plan.
You have a job to do! Reflect God's light, His power,
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1. "John answered and said, **"A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven.**
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- a) First come to the sober reality that you have nothing good, no revelation, that does not come from God.

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- (b) He whom God has sent speaks the words of God...
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- a) Can it be any plainer? If you come as an ambassador for God, you are commissioned to speak the words of God, NOT YOUR OWN!
- (c) Just in case you have any lingering doubt...
 - 1. "Then the disciples of John reported to him concerning all these things. And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to Jesus, saying, **"Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"** When the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, **'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?'** " And that very hour He **cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight.** Jesus answered and said to them, **"Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard:** that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.'" Luke 7:18-23 NKJV
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1. ““And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. **He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.** Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? **And if you have not been faithful in what is another man’s, who will give you what is your own? “No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.””Luke 16:9-13**

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- a) If you cannot be trusted with what God has assigned to you, then you can be certain He will not assign you anything else, until such a time that you become faithful with what you’ve already been entrusted.
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(a) Rule #1

1. **“You shall utterly destroy** all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. And **you shall destroy their altars,** break their sacred pillars, and burn their wooden images with fire; **you shall cut down the carved images** of their gods and destroy their names from that place. **You shall not worship** the Lord your God with such things.” Deuteronomy 12:2-4 NKJV

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1. **““But you shall seek the place where the Lord your God chooses,** out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go.” Deuteronomy 12:5 NKJV

- a) Choose God’s will!

(c) Rule #3

1. **““You shall not at all do as we are doing here today** —every man doing **whatever is right in his own eyes**

— for as yet you have not come to the rest and the inheritance which the Lord your God is giving you.”

Deuteronomy 12:8-9 NKJV

- a) Stop following your own heart and leave your old life behind!

(d) Rule #4

- 1. ““Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; **you shall not add to it nor take away** from it.”

Deuteronomy 12:32 NKJV

- 2. “Blessed is he who reads and those **who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things** which are written in it; for the time is near.” Revelation 1:3 NKJV

- 3. “For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: **If anyone adds to these things**, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if **anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy**, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.” Revelation 22:18-19 NKJV

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- (1) Hijacking God's grace in some slimy back alley transaction.
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(1) Impart Grace to the Hearers

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1. "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may **impart grace to the hearers.**" Ephesians 4:29 NKJV

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1. ""Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. **"Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you**

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- A. How does the Bible relate your heart to your soul? (See: Proverbs 23:7; Psalms 37:4; Hebrews 4:12)

3. Your body is the physical vehicle that houses your spirit and soul...

- A. What does I Corinthians 3:16-17 & 6:18-20 teach you about your body?

4. Grace is God's supernatural power; wholistic grace means God empowers your spirit, soul and body...

- A. What is God's wholistic expectation of us? (See I Thessalonians 5:23)
- B. What level of power are you given? (See Ephesians 1:19-20)
- C. What is the only way to come to an understanding of God's available power? (See Ephesians 1:16-18)
- D. What should this power produce? (See II Peter 1:3)

**5. It is clear that God wishes to unleash His power through us
(See: Luke 10:19; Acts 1:6-8), but there are some stipulations...**

- A. What are we able to do with His power and what are our responsibilities in order to gain full access? (See: Deuteronomy 11:26-29; II Corinthians 10:1-6)

6. Humans are creatures with flesh and blood...

- A. Why is blood so sacred? (See: Deuteronomy 12:23; Leviticus 17:11-12)
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