



*Live  
like  
the*  
**A.P.O.S.T.L.E.S**

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# Live like the Apostles

## 2 Timothy 3:10-11

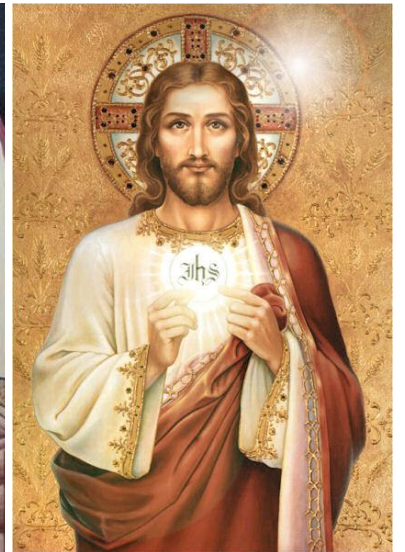
<sup>10</sup> But you have carefully followed my doctrine, *manner of life*, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, <sup>11</sup> persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—  
what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me.

## 1 Corinthians 11:1

Imitate me,  
just as I also  
imitate *Christ*.

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*Do you know some ...*

## *Names of the A.P.O.S.T.L.E.S?*

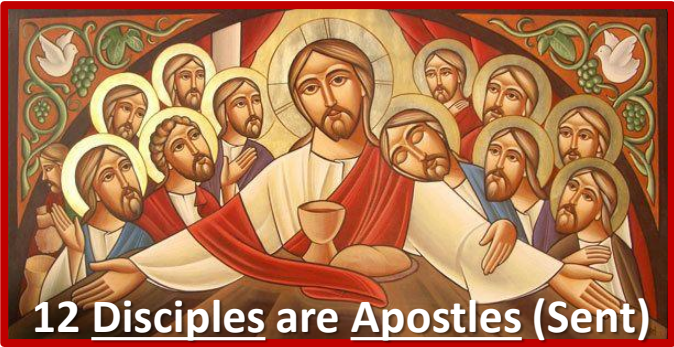
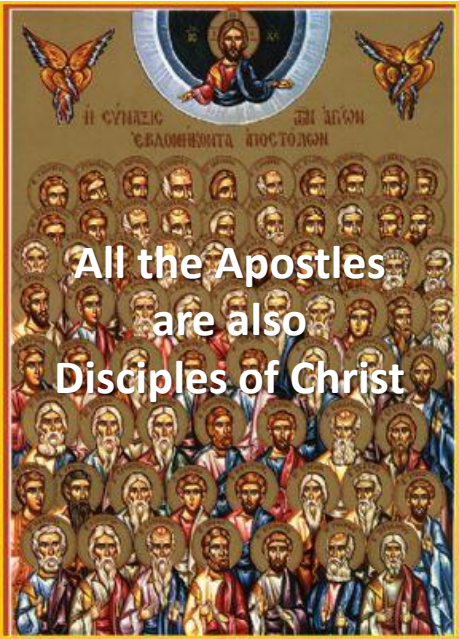
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# Sample names of the A.P.O.S.T.L.E.S

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Andrew	Peter & Paul	Onesiphorus	Stephen	Titus	Luke	Evodus

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<b>Andrew</b>	<b>Peter</b>	Onesimus	<b>Simon</b>	<b>Thomas</b>	<b>Luke</b> (evangelist)	<b>Epahras</b>
Ananias	<b>Philip</b>	Olympas	Symeon	<b>Thaddeus (Jude)</b>	Linus	Epaenetus
Archippus	<b>Philip</b> (deacon)	Onesiphorus	<b>Stephen</b> (deacon)	<b>Timon</b> (deacon)	Lucius	Erastus
Andronicus	<b>Prochorus</b> (deacon)		Silas	Timothy		Evodus
Amplias	<b>Parmenas</b> (deacon)		Silvanus	Titus		Epaphroditus
Apelles	Philemon		Stachys	Tertius		
Aristobulus	Phlegon		Sosipater	Tychicus		
Agabus	Patrobas		Sosthenes	Trophimus		
Asyncritus	Philogos		Simeon			
Apollo	Pudens					
Aristarchus	<b>Paul</b>					
Artemas						
Aquila						
Achaicus						



**12:** **Simon Peter, Andrew, John** (evangelist), **James, Philip, Matthew** (ev), **Bartholomew, Thomas, James of Alphaeus, Simon the Canaanite, Thaddeus (Jude), Matthias**  
 70+ James, Mark (ev), Luke (ev), Cleopas, Symeon, Barnabas, Justus, Thaddeus, Ananias, **Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,** Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Onesimus, Epahras, Archippus, Silas, Silvanus, Crescens, Crispus, Epaenetus, Andronicus, Stachys, Amplias, Urban, Narcissus, Apelles, Aristobulus, Herodian, Agabus, Rufus, Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, Linus, Gaius, Philogos, Lucius, Jason, Sosipater, Olympas, Tertius, Erastus, Quartus, Evodus, Onesiphorus, Clement, Sosthenes, Apollo, Tychicus, Epaphroditus, Carpus, Quadratus, Zenas, Aristarchus, Pudens, Trophimus, Mark, Artemas, Aquila, Fortunatus, Achaicus, Dionysius, Simeon

## *Do you know how to ...*

# Live like the A.P.O.S.T.L.E.S?

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- **Act** - take positive (Godly) action

*Question: what is the 5<sup>th</sup> book of the NT called?*

- *The Book of Acts*
- *The Acts of the Apostles*
- *The Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles*

- **Activate** the Holy Spirit in your life & service
- **Authority** to overcome evil

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**Act**  
(take positive  
Action)

**Activate**  
the  
Holy Spirit

**Authority**

# ACT

## James 1:22

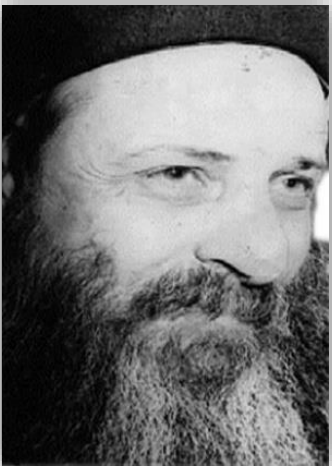
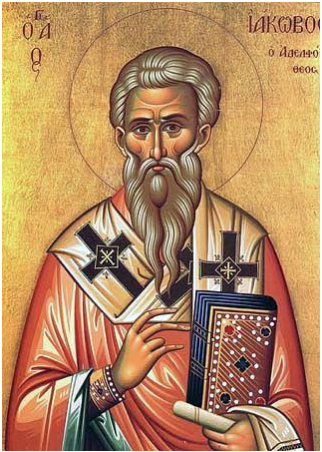
<sup>22</sup> But be *doers* of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

### Litany of the Gospel

O Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God,  
who said to His saintly honored disciples and holy apostles,

*“Many prophets and righteous men have desired  
to see the things which you see, and have not seen them,  
and to hear the things which you hear, and have not heard them.  
But as for you, blessed are your eyes, for they see,  
and your ears, for they hear.”*

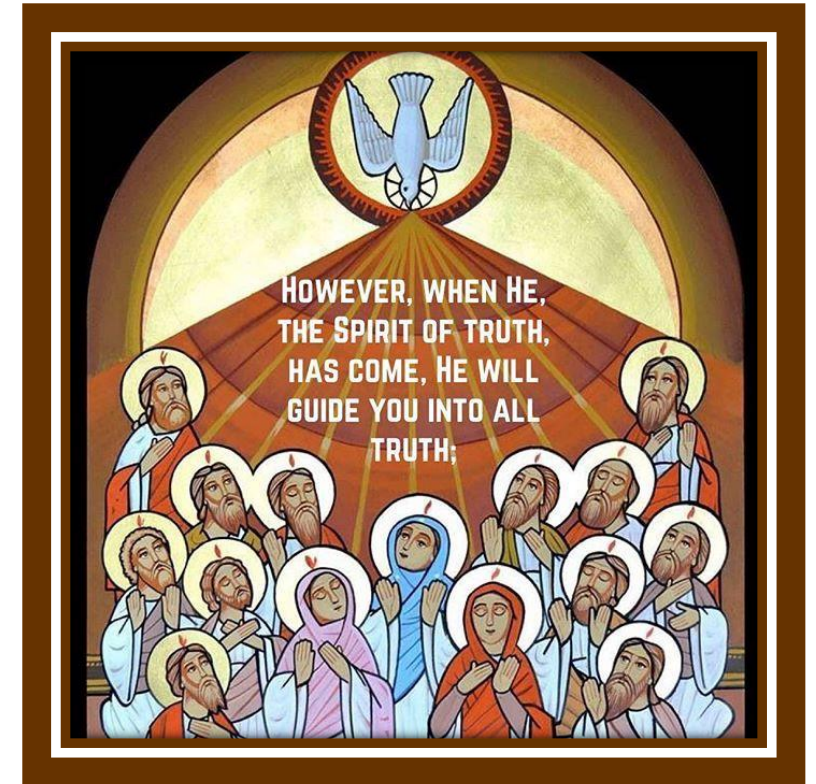
Make us worthy to hear and to *act* according to Your Holy Gospels,  
through the prayers of Your saints.





# ACTIVATE

- **Activate the Holy Spirit in your life**  
(allow God's Spirit to work with & within you)
- Do NOT grieve the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30)  
<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,  
by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
- Do NOT quench the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19)  
<sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit.
- Do NOT resist the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:51)  
*Israel resisted God's Holy Spirit, as Saint Stephen says ...*  
<sup>51</sup> You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears!  
You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.
- But do resist evil spirits (James 4:7)  
<sup>7</sup> Therefore submit to God.  
Resist the devil and he will flee from you.



# AUTHORITY

## Luke 10:17-20

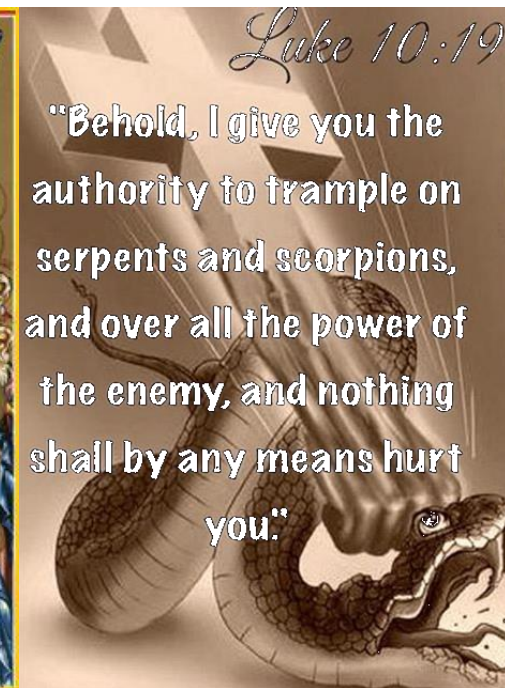
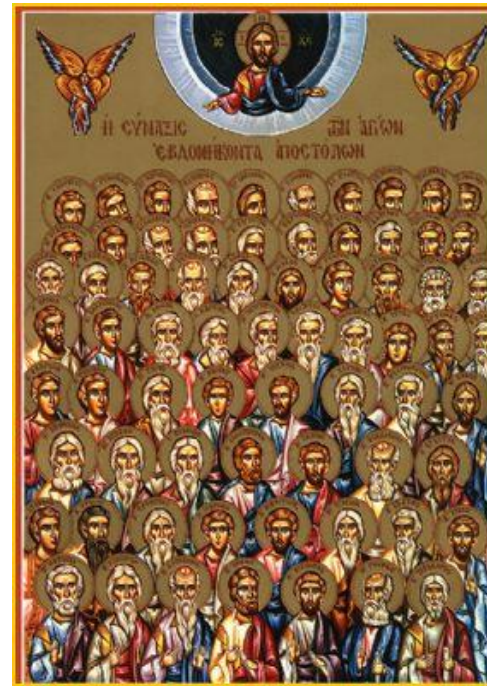
### *The Seventy Return with Joy*

*<sup>17</sup> Then the seventy returned with joy, saying,  
“Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”*

*<sup>18</sup> And He said to them,  
“I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.*

*<sup>19</sup> 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.*

*<sup>20</sup> Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”*





- **Pray,  
Praise,  
Preach** (when Prepared)
- **Peace** (be Peace-makers)  
The Lord told them to first say “peace to this house”  
Be instruments of God’s peace, channel His peace to others.
- **Persevere** through Persecutions & Trials,  
Comforted the **Paraclete** (The Helper / Comforter)  
**Preserved** by the **Power** of God

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# PRAYER & PEACE

## Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> *Rejoice in the Lord always.*

*Again I will say, rejoice!*

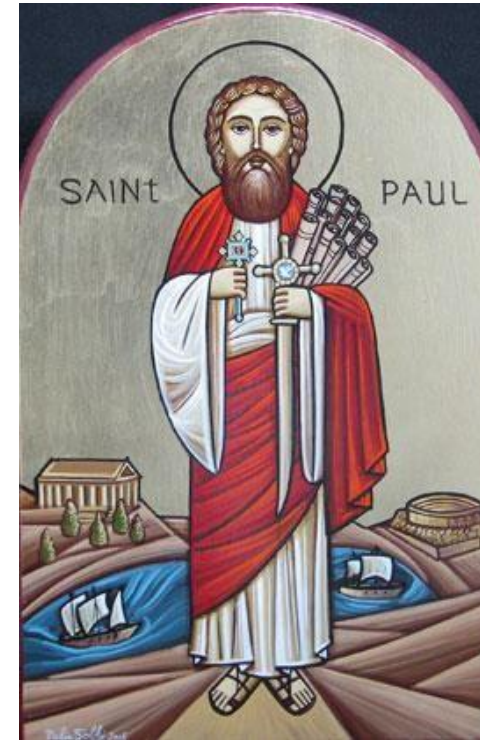
<sup>5</sup> *Let your gentleness be known to all men.*

*The Lord is at hand.*

<sup>6</sup> *Be anxious for nothing,*

*but in everything by **prayer** and supplication,  
with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;*

<sup>7</sup> *and the **peace** of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*



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Christ Jesus.*

*- Philippians 4:7*



# PRAYER & PRAISE

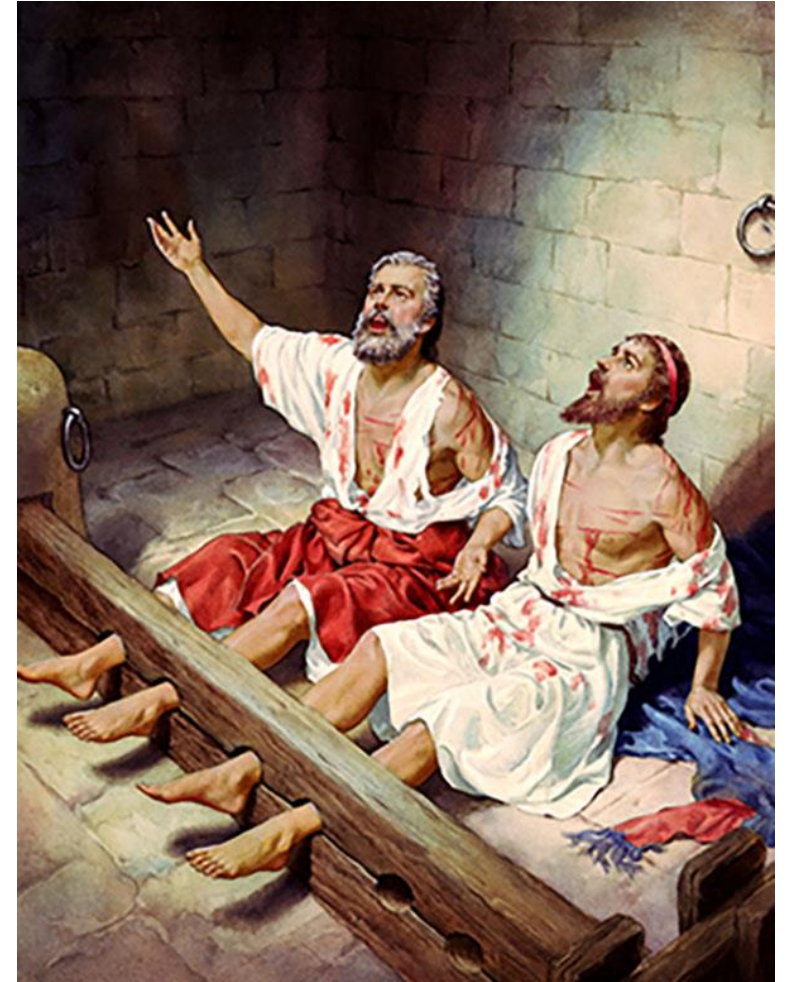
*even in prison!*

## Acts 16

*The Power of Midnight Praise!*

<sup>25</sup> But at midnight Paul and Silas were *praying* and *singing hymns to God*, and the prisoners were listening to them.

<sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.



# PEACE

*(be a messenger of God's peace)*



## John 14:27

<sup>27</sup> *Peace* I leave with you,  
*My peace* I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.  
*Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

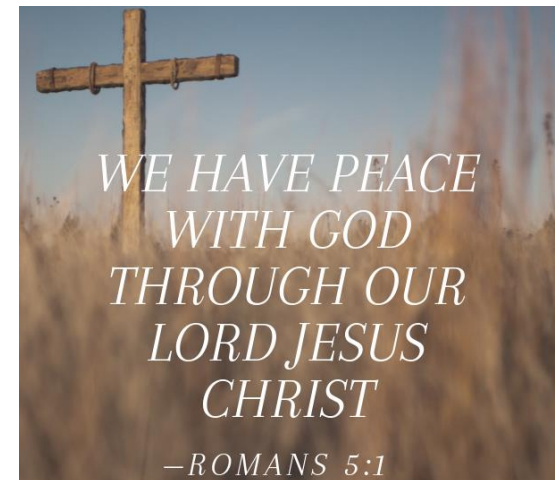
## Luke 10:1-6

*After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also,  
and sent them two by two before His face into every city  
and place where He Himself was about to go.*

...

<sup>5</sup> *But whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’*

<sup>6</sup> *And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it;  
if not, it will return to you.*



# PERSEVERE

## 2 Corinthians 4

*(The Lord will never allow you to be tempted beyond your ability)*

<sup>8</sup> We are hard-pressed on every side, yet **not crushed**;

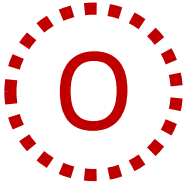
we are perplexed, but **not in despair**;

<sup>9</sup> persecuted, but **not forsaken**; struck down, but **not destroyed**—

<sup>10</sup> always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. <sup>11</sup> For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

*(How to persevere? By keeping our eye on the prize, eternal glory!)*

<sup>16</sup> Therefore **we do not lose heart**. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more **exceeding and eternal weight of glory**, <sup>18</sup> while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are **eternal**.



- **Obedient** to God
- **Organized** in their Service  
*He made them sit down in groups of fifty*

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<b>Organized</b> in Service



# OBEDIENCE

## *(to the Word of God)*

### John 14

<sup>15</sup> “If you love Me, *keep My commandments*

### John 15

<sup>14</sup> You are My friends *if you do whatever I command you.*

### Philippians 2

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, *as you have always obeyed ...*



# OBEDIENT & ORGANIZED

## 1 Corinthians 14

<sup>40</sup> *Let all things be done decently and in **order**.*

## Luke 9

### *Feeding the Five Thousand*

<sup>14</sup> *For there were about five thousand men.*

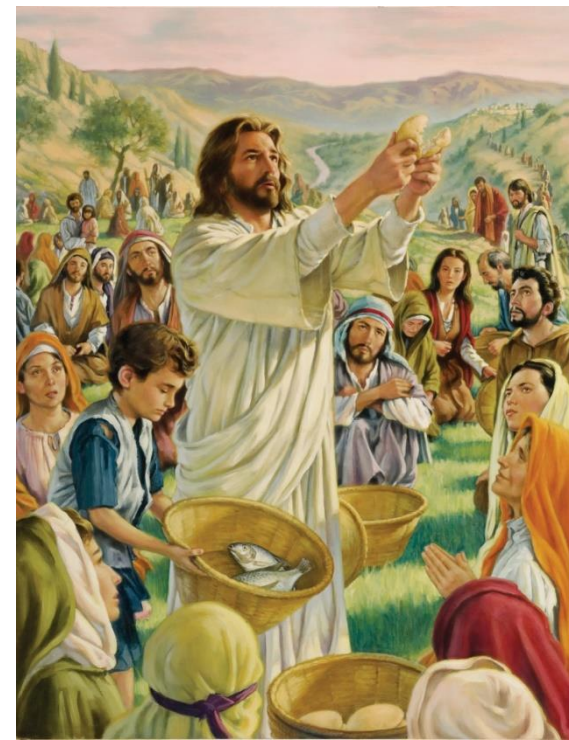
*Then He said to His disciples,*

*“**Make them sit down in groups of fifty.**”*

[ *organized* ]

<sup>15</sup> *And **they did so**, and made them all sit down.*

[ *obedient* ]





- **Sent** by God to ...  
**Serve** in God's Name
- **Submitting** to the will of God,  
**Serious** in their **Spirituality** &  
**Seeking Salvation** (for themselves & others)
- **Sealed** with the Holy Spirit,  
Supported by the **Sacraments**

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# SERVE

Try to **help** in whatever capacity you can:

- at home first, *with your family*
- at church, *your spiritual family*
- Abroad, *with proper preparation*

**Give of your:**

- Time
- Effort
- Resources
- Kindness (*smiles, kind words & actions*)
- **Love** (*most importantly, give in a loving way*)



*The boy gave the little that he had to the Lord.*

*The Lord blessed the 5 loaves & 2 fish.*



# SUBMIT *to God,* *be* SERIOUS *about your own* SALVATION

## James 4:7

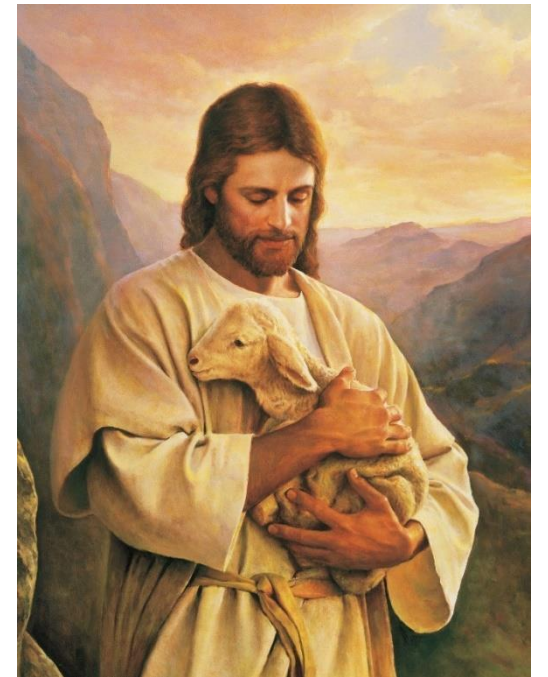
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## 1 Peter 4:7

<sup>7</sup> But the end of all things is at hand;  
therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

## Philippians 2:12

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed,  
not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence,  
work out your own salvation with fear and trembling



# SACRAMENTS

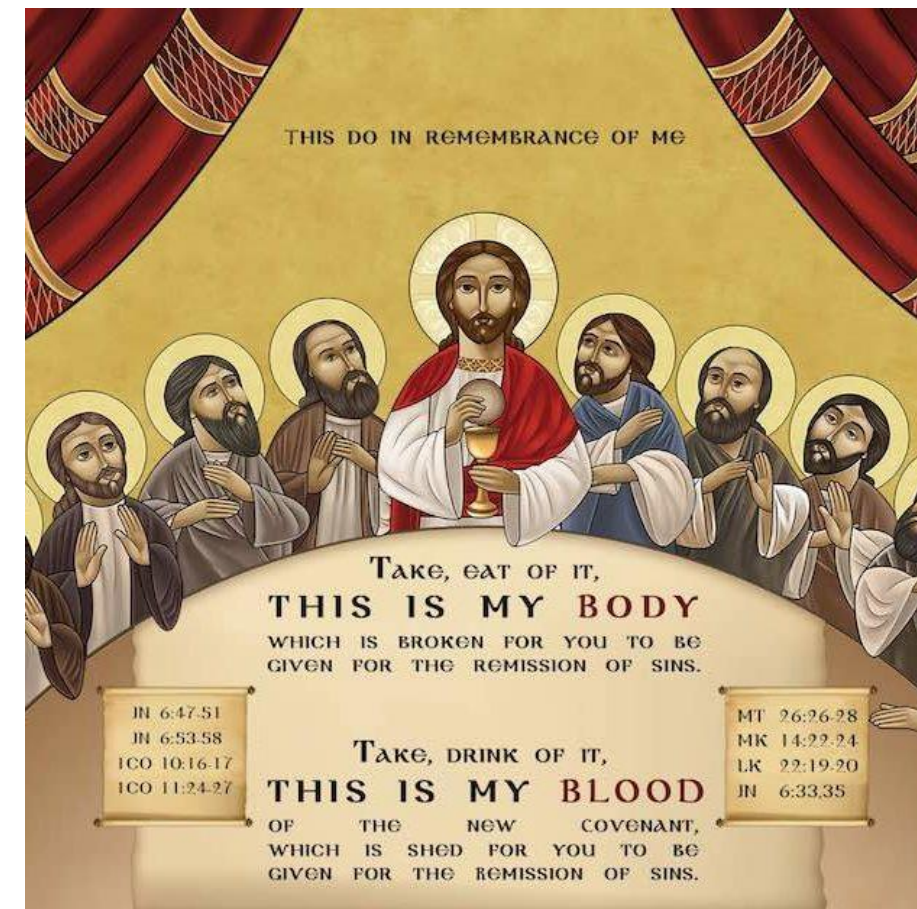
Acts 2:42

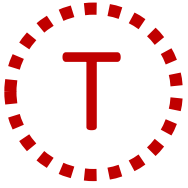
<sup>42</sup> *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

## Elements of the Divine Liturgy:

- *Doctrine* (the readings & sermon)
- *Fellowship* (unity)
- *Breaking of Bread* (Communion)
- *Prayers* (throughout the Liturgy)

*The Sacrament of Communion is essential for our spiritual health.*





- **Trusting** God (Faith)
- **Two** by **Two**  
(Teamwork)
- **Together** in the Upper Room  
(United in Faith & Prayer)
- **Testifying & Teaching**

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(teamwork)  
**Testifying**  
to God and  
**Teaching**

# TRUST

*(faith in God)*

## Proverbs 3:5

<sup>5</sup> *Trust* in the **LORD** with all your *heart*,  
*And lean not on your own understanding*





# TWO *by* TWO

(*teamwork*)

## Luke 10

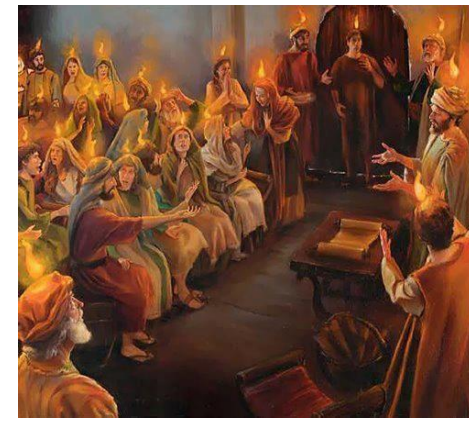
### The Seventy Sent Out

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# TOGETHER

## *(Unity in Faith & Powerful Prayer)*

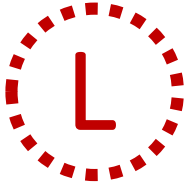


### Acts 1

<sup>13</sup> And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup> These all continued with one accord in **prayer and supplication**, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

### Acts 4

<sup>31</sup> And when they had **prayed**, the place where they were assembled together was **shaken**; and they **were all filled with the Holy Spirit**, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. <sup>32</sup> Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.



- **Love**  
God first of all;  
Love all through the Love of God:  
family, friends, strangers, enemies
- **Led**  
by the **Spirit** of God  
(Spiritual not Carnal)
- **Light** to the world by  
**Living** a Christian **Life**

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God & Others

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by the  
**Spirit**

**Light**  
to Others  
via a  
**Life**  
of Holiness

# LOVE

## Matthew 22

<sup>37</sup> *Jesus said to him,*

*“You shall **love the LORD your God** with all your heart,  
with all your soul, and with all your mind.’*

<sup>38</sup> *This is the first and great commandment.*

<sup>39</sup> *And the second is like it:*

*‘You shall **love your neighbor as** yourself.’*

## John 13

<sup>35</sup> *By this all will know that you are My disciples,  
if you have **love** for one another.”*





# LED *by the* SPIRIT



## Romans 8

*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,  
who do not walk according to the flesh, but **according to the Spirit**.*

<sup>2</sup> *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.*

<sup>3</sup> *For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,*

<sup>4</sup> *that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us  
who do not walk according to the flesh but **according to the Spirit**.*

<sup>5</sup> *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh,  
but those who live **according to the Spirit**, the things of the Spirit.*

<sup>6</sup> ***For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.***

<sup>7</sup> *Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.*

<sup>8</sup> *So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

<sup>9</sup> *But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.*

*Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.*

<sup>10</sup> *And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*

<sup>11</sup> *But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through **His Spirit who dwells in you**.*

# LIVE *a true Christian Life* LIGHT *to the world*

## Galatians 2

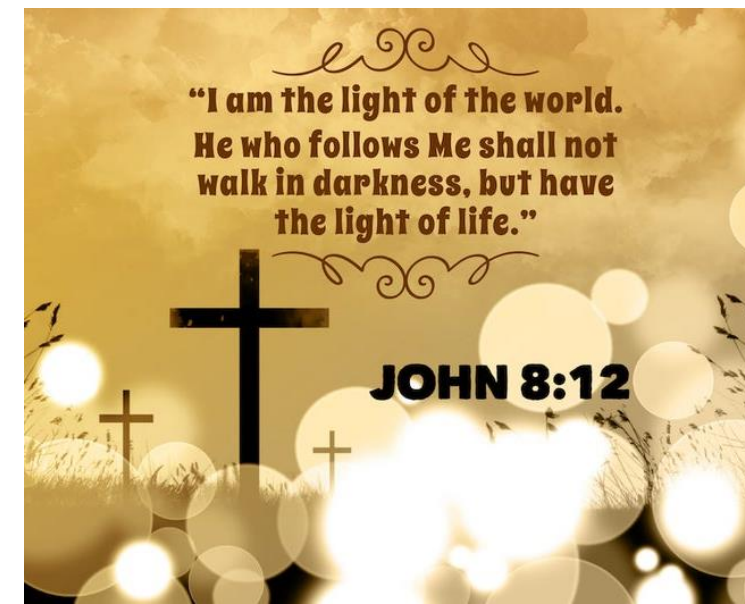
<sup>20</sup> *I have been crucified with Christ;  
**it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;**  
and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith  
in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

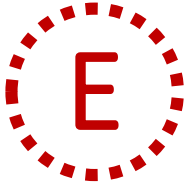
## John 8

<sup>12</sup> *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.**”*

## Matthew 5

<sup>14</sup> “**You are the light of the world.** A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.





- **Effort**
- **Engaged  
&  
Energetic**
- **Evangelise**  
(spread the Word of God  
... by action not just words)

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**Effort**

repent, serve,  
give, forgive, love

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# EFFORT

Make a serious *effort* to:

- Repent ...
- *Weep bitterly in regret as Peter did after he sinned*
- *Ask the Lord what He wants you to do, as Paul did on the road to Damascus*

## Repentance of Peter (Luke 21)

<sup>61</sup> *And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.*

*Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."*

<sup>62</sup> *So Peter went out and wept bitterly.*



## Repentance of Paul (Acts 9)

<sup>5</sup> *And he said, "Who are You, Lord?"*

*Then the Lord said,*

*"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads."*

<sup>6</sup> *So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?"*



# EFFORT

*Make a serious **effort** to:*

- Repent
- Serve
- Give
- Forgive
- Love

*Make a serious **effort to be:***


- **Engaged**  
during the Liturgy,  
in Midnight Praise,  
helping others, serving
- **Energetic**  
in prayers, in repentance, in service

*If you are called to **evangelize** ...*


- Spread the Word of God  
through Christian Action  
(lead by **example**, not just by words)
- Make sure your actions  
are louder than words



# Live like the A.P.O.S.T.L.E.S

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<b>ACT</b> (take positive Action)	<b>PRAY</b> <b>PRAISE</b> <b>PREACH</b>	<b>OBEDIENT</b> to God	<b>SENT</b> by God to <b>SERVE</b>	<b>TRUSTING</b> God	<b>LOVING</b> God & Others	<b>EFFORT</b> repent, serve, give, forgive, love
<b>ACTIVATE</b> the Holy Spirit	<b>PEACE</b> (be a channel of God's peace)	<b>ORGANIZED</b> in Service	<b>SUBMITTING</b> to God's will	<b>TOGETHER</b> in Upper Room (united)	<b>LED</b> by the <b>SPIRIT</b>	<b>ENGAGED</b> & <b>ENERGETIC</b>
<b>AUTHORITY</b> to overcome evil	<b>PERSEVERE</b> leaning on the <b>POWER OF GOD</b>		<b>SUPPORTED</b> by the <b>SACRAMENTS</b>	<b>TWO BY TWO</b> (teamwork) <b>TESTIFYING</b> to God and <b>TEACHING</b>	<b>LIGHT</b> to Others via a <b>LIFE</b> of Holiness	<b>EVANGELISE</b> (spread the Word of God)

*pick 2 items to focus on for two weeks ...*

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<b>Act</b> (take positive Action)	<b>Pray</b> <b>Praise</b> <b>Preach</b>	<b>Obedient</b> to God	<b>Sent</b> by God to <b>Serve</b>	<b>Trusting</b> God	<b>Loving</b> God & Others	<b>Effort</b> repent, serve, give, forgive, love
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*Thank you!*

