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Why **CORE VALUES?**

A. WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT CORE VALUES

1. Maybe you've heard of core values before, maybe not. It's a popular phrase in the business world, and for good reason.
2. An article by *Forbes*¹ reads:
 - a. "Core values are the principles that a business aims to operate by."
 - i. *Shouldn't believers have principles that we purpose to operate by?*
 - b. "They should also be the mindset that guides all relationships...."
 - i. If we can identify the core values we are to hold on to, we have a clear guide to how we are to relate to each other in our families, churches and society in general.
 - c. "Core values should also serve as a compass and filter to navigate through any decision-making process."
 - i. In a world full of deception, immorality and godlessness in general, our core values should
 - (a). be the standard by which we measure every decision
 - (b.) keep us in the will of God.

¹ David Henzel, "Why and How to Define Your Company's Core Values, *Forbes.com*, July 7, 2022, accessed March 2024

- d. "Using core values as guidelines ensures that every interaction, decision and move that is made has a purpose... It results in greater clarity and integrity."
3. Having and living by the same core values creates a culture in a family, a church, an organization.

B. WHAT ARE CORE VALUES?

1. Let's define *core*:
 - a. A core is the central part of something.
 - b. It is where seeds for reproduction are produced.
 - c. It is central to its existence and character.
 - d. That which is of greatest importance
2. What does *value* mean?
 - a. One's principles or standards of behavior
 - b. One's judgment of what is important in life
3. Put together, what are *Core Values*?
 - a. They are what we hold most dear.
 - b. They are an internal compass guiding all decisions and actions.
 - i. Our son, Jeremy, says that he was raised in "the household of faith." Walking by faith and exercising his authority as a believer is still how he lives his life.
 - c. Our core values are central to how we conduct our lives, guiding our thoughts, motives and actions.
 - d. Why? Because we believe them. We become rooted and grounded in them.
 - i. Many years ago, Jerry Savelle went to preach for a particular denomination. He preached an actual message of their founder. After he ministered, the leadership came to him and said, "That was tremendous. Where did you get that teaching from?" His reply: "Your founder."
 - ii. It takes effort and diligence to not drift from our beliefs.

- e. *Core Values* is the popular term; a stronger word would be: *Core Beliefs*.
- f. Believing comes out of the heart.
 - i. Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV): “If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”
 - ii. Every person is a spirit being, because mankind was made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26).
 - iii. Remember, “God is a Spirit” (John 4:24).
 - iv. So, believing comes out of the heart—or the spirit of a man. That’s where the power is that directs our lives.
 - v. Jesus said in Luke 6:45 that anything your heart is full of will come out of your mouth—you’ll talk about it and live it—for better or for worse.
 - vi. “From the abundance of your heart, your mouth leaks.” —Gloria Copeland
- g. Biblical core values, core beliefs, will reproduce heaven in your life.
- h. However, negative beliefs can ruin everything in your life. “Be on the watch...that no root of resentment (rancor, bitterness, or hatred) shoots forth and causes trouble and bitter torment, and the many become contaminated and defiled by it” (Hebrews 12:15, *AMPC*).
- i. Everything is filtered through your beliefs.

C. WHAT ARE OUR CORE VALUES?

1. These are what we have identified as the most important values or beliefs to hold on to, as believers.
2. They are:
 - a. We put the Word of God first place.
 - b. We live by faith.
 - c. We walk in love.

- d. We are led by the Holy Spirit.
 - e. We pray about everything.
 - f. We protect the anointing.
 - g. We honor God.
3. All of these core values can be summed up in both the first and the last. But, by breaking them down, we have a better picture of the standards we hold ourselves to.

D. WHY DO WE NEED CORE VALUES?

1. The days we live in are like the days of Noah.
 - a. Wicked; no value for life; debase; violent
 - b. Full of hatred for God, despising anything good
 - c. Wars on top of wars—of all kinds are seen.
 - d. People calling others “intolerant” and then killing or harming those who don’t agree with them
 - e. The earth is revolting under the pressure of sin with cataclysmic weather, disease and earthquakes, resulting in famine and death.
2. Without these values at our core, the pressures in the world and deception of the age will steal, kill, and destroy.
3. It is possible to influence society and be relevant, yet remain grounded in who we are. To do so, we must know what we are called, by Jesus, to do, and be grounded in our values—to such a degree that outside elements cannot move us.
4. Romans 12:2 (NKJV): “Do not be conformed to this world, but *be transformed by the renewing of your mind*, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”
 - a. We must renew our minds to what the Bible says.
 - b. As the Word drops down on the inside of us, these values become intrinsic, and we reproduce them in our lives.
 - c. We internalize these core values by acting on them. This is not just memorizing the list.

- d. "I used to believe that God will make you sick. I had to renew my mind to the Word that says, 'By the stripes of Jesus, I am healed.' My core belief changed." —Pastor George
 - e. You can use these core values to override anything in your life that needs adjusting.
5. We order our thoughts, words and actions in line with these biblical values.
 6. We have identified seven core values a believer needs to stay steady, and to help us, as Jesus instructed, occupy till He comes (Luke 19:13).
 7. "Without core values rooted in God's Word, we are ships without rudders, destined to be tossed back and forth, subject to every whim of evil. But with them, we have the tools we need to weather any storm and come out better than before." —Pastor Terri
 8. Making these core values essential in our lives will accelerate growth and bring transformation in our lives.

Him we preach and proclaim, warning and admonishing everyone and instructing everyone in all wisdom (comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God), that we may present every person mature (full-grown, fully initiated, complete, and perfect) in Christ (the Anointed One).

COLOSSIANS 1:28 (AMPC)

CORE VALUE #1:

WE PUT THE *Word of God* **FIRST PLACE**

A. WHY CORE VALUES? REVIEW

1. *Core Values* are what we hold most dear. They are an internal compass guiding all decisions and actions. They are central to how we conduct our lives; guiding our thoughts, motives and actions because we believe them.
2. Believing, according to Romans 10:10, for with the heart we believe.
3. Living by these core values will reproduce heaven in your life.
4. The believer established in his or her beliefs “shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid...” (Psalm 112:6-8).
5. Our Core Values
 - a. We put the Word of God first place.
 - b. We live by faith.
 - c. We walk in love.
 - d. We are led by the Holy Spirit.
 - e. We pray about everything.

- f. We protect the anointing.
- g. We honor God.
- 6. We can have influence in society and be relevant, and yet remain grounded in who we are. To do so, we must know what we are called, by Jesus, to do, and be grounded in our values to such a degree that outside elements cannot move us.

B. CORE VALUE #1: WE PUT THE WORD OF GOD FIRST PLACE

1. What word is first? Whose word? *The Word of God*.
2. Don't treat God's Word casually, like you may treat yours or others.
3. John 1:1: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
4. God and His Word are One—One and the same.
 - a. God and His Word are the same. They don't differ.
 - b. Can you say that if I've heard your word, then I've heard you?
 - c. What you say should be what you mean.
5. Hebrews 4:12-13 (NKJV): "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 discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."
 - a. This verse calls the Word *Him*. The very Word itself is Him.
 - b. The Word is living, not dead words on a page.
 - c. The Word is *powerful* = power-full.
 - i. Hebrews 1:3 (NKJV)—He is "...upholding all things by the word of His power."
 - ii. It's not power that delivers His Word. It is His Word that delivers power!

- iii. When you start seeking power without the Word, you will fall short, and you may end up with something that is not in line with God's Word at all.
 - iv. Seek the Word with the understanding that power is in that Word—then the power is there.
 - v. The power of God is inherent to the Word, not the Word inherent to power. His power is inherent *in* the Word.
- d. The Word is the sword that divides between soul and spirit.
 - i. You are a spirit. You have a soul, which is your mind, will and emotions. You live in a body.
 - ii. It takes the Word to define those and give purpose and the right priority to each one.
 - iii. Because the Word of God is God, it ministers to all three parts: faith for your spirit, peace for your soul, health for your body—often all at the same time!
 - iv. It discerns the thoughts and even the intentions of your heart.
 - v. It will speak to you based on the thoughts you have today. Then tomorrow it will say something fresh to you because your thoughts have changed.
 - vi. The Word is always right now, because God is right now.
- e. "Don't put pressure on people, and don't put pressure on yourself. Put pressure on the Word, because it will not break." —Kenneth Copeland
- 6. How reliable is the Word?
 - a. Matthew 24:35—His words shall not pass away.
 - b. Isaiah 40:8—"The word of our God shall stand forever."
 - c. Proverbs 30:5—Every word of God stands true.
 - d. John 17:17—His Word is truth—and the truth makes us free.
 - e. 1 Peter 1:23—The Word is incorruptible. It won't

- bend or break under pressure.
- f. Psalm 119:130—The entrance of His Word brings and gives light.

C. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “PUT THE WORD FIRST PLACE”?

1. *First* defined:
 - a. Preceding all others in time, order and importance
 - b. Having the highest and most prominent part
 - c. In preference of something else
 - d. The highest or chief voice
 - e. Before anything else in consideration
2. Matthew 6:33 (NKJV): “But *seek first* the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”
 - a. The Word is preeminent.
 - b. Everything else is compared to the Word and measured by it.
3. “We put the Word of God first place and make it final authority in our lives. We trust and rely on it the way we would the word of a doctor, lawyer or highly trusted friend.” —Kenneth Copeland
4. This means we go to it first.
 - a. It’s the first thing in our day. We read the Bible each morning.
 - b. We go to it first for answers, direction.
 - c. All else is secondary. If something opposes what the Word says, then out it goes.
5. We give the Word attention—more attention than anything else.
 - a. Gloria Copeland read the Gospels and Acts in the *Amplified Bible* three times in 30 days. She committed to put the Word first...in spite of being unpacked in their new house with small children. Yet as she obeyed the Lord and took time to do this,

- supernaturally she was able to get everything done.
- b. When you put the Word first place, it will promote you. It will put you first place.

D. WE ORDER OUR LIVES BY THE WORD

1. In 1967, the Copelands read Romans 13:8, “Owe no man any thing, but to love one another.”
 - a. AMPC—“Keep out of debt.”
 - b. Brother Copeland thought, *How will we ever have a decent car, much less an airplane?* Gloria thought, *How could we ever have a nice house?*
 - i. They determined, “If that’s what the Book says, then that’s what we will do.”
 - c. They knew they had to have more than one verse, so they studied to show themselves approved, rightly dividing the Word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15). Through this, the written Word became a word of God to them.
 - d. Once they made the commitment, the Word began to work for them. Not only did they come out of debt, but they discovered how THE BLESSING would prosper them.
2. When trouble came, sickness came, friends left, depression came, we did what we were trained to do—go to the Word.
 - a. “When I received a bad medical report, the Holy Spirit quickened a response in my spirit. I declared, ‘My healing is already an accomplished fact.’”—Pastor George
 - b. “The Lord delivered me out from under depression as I persisted in the Word and prayer.”—Pastor Terri
 - c. We taught our children: “What does the Word say?”
3. The preeminent question in the life of every believer, every Christian family, must be: “What does the Word say?”
4. For the Word to have final authority, we must change our lives to line up with the Word, not try to make the Bible fit our lifestyle.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness
and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

PSALM 138:2

CORE VALUE #2:

WE LIVE BY

Faith

PART I

A. CORE VALUES REVIEW

1. Core values are the values we hold in such esteem that we guide our lives by them. They are our filter, our compass.
2. They are central to how we conduct our lives, guiding our thoughts, motives and actions because they are what we believe.
3. Our identity must be based in who the Word of God says we are. Everything else will be subject to what we believe about who we are in Christ.
4. Believing comes out of the heart—or the spirit of a man. That's where the power is that directs our lives.
5. What are our core values?
 - a. We put the Word of God first place.
 - b. We live by faith.
 - c. We walk in love.
 - d. We are led by the Holy Spirit.
 - e. We pray about everything.
 - f. We protect the anointing.
 - g. We honor God.

6. Regarding putting the Word of God first place:
 - a. It comes first in our day, but even more it means it has first place and final authority over all else.
 - b. God and His Word are One (John 1:1).
 - c. He upholds all things by His Word (Hebrews 1:3).
 - d. We have to teach our children to go to the Word of God.
 - e. The preeminent question in the life of every believer, every Christian family, should be: “What does the Word say?”
 - f. For the Word to have final authority means we must change our lives to line up with the Word, not try to make the Bible fit our lifestyle.

B. CORE VALUE #2: WE LIVE BY FAITH

1. Four times Scripture declares this:
 - a. Galatians 3:11—“The just shall live by faith.”
 - b. Romans 1:17—“For therein is the righteousness of God revealed *from faith to faith*: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.”
 - c. Hebrews 10:38—“The just shall live by faith.”
 - d. Habakkuk 2:4—“The just shall live by *his* faith.”
2. The just—the righteous—shall live by faith, according to the Word.

C. WHY FAITH? EVERYTHING IS BY FAITH!

1. We can’t get saved without it.
 - a. Ephesians 2:8 (NKJV): “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.”
 - i. Grace is a gift—but it is received by faith!
 - ii. All that God has so wonderfully given by His grace, we receive by faith.
 - b. 1 Peter 1:9 (AMPC): “...you receive the result (outcome, consummation) of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

2. All grace—grace for all—is by faith.
 - a. Ephesians 2:8 (NKJV): “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.”
 - b. What is grace? God’s willingness to give us His power to be what He wants us to be, to do what He wants us to do, and to have what He wants us to have.
3. We can’t walk the Christian walk without faith.
 - a. 2 Corinthians 5:7: “We walk [with God] by faith, not by sight.”
 - b. We can’t live the Christian life without faith.
4. We can’t be blessed without it.
 - a. Galatians 3:9—Those who have faith are blessed along with faithful Abraham, the man of faith.
 - b. Brother Copeland has a wonderful teaching on “Following the Faith of Abraham” in the audio series *The Spirit of Faith*.²
5. We are guarded and kept by God’s power through faith.
 - a. 1 Peter 1:5 (NKJV): “Who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”
6. Faith makes us whole. It brings healing.
 - a. “According to your faith” (Matthew 9:29)
 - b. More than once Jesus told someone, “Your faith has made you whole” (Matthew 9:22; Mark 10:52).
 - c. There are 19 specific healing testimonies in the New Testament. The majority note it was the faith of those who came to Jesus that produced the healing results.
 - d. James 5:15 (NKJV): “The prayer of faith will save [or deliver] the sick.”
7. By faith we have what we hope for.
 - a. Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV): “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

² Available at kcm.org/shop

- b. Twenty-two times in Hebrew 11 it declares, “By faith! By faith! By faith!” (One time it says, “through faith.”)
 - c. Hebrews 11 is the Faith Hall of Fame; yet its heroes were not perfect. It was through faith, in spite of their shortcomings, that they obtained what God promised.
 - d. When we have faith in what God can do, then what He can do is made available to us. It becomes a divine exchange.
- 8. We can’t fight the good fight without faith.
 - a. 1 Timothy 6:12 (NKJV): “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life....”
 - b. Ephesians 6:11-16 (NKJV): “Put on the *whole armor of God*, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may *be able to withstand* in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, *taking the shield of faith* with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.”
 - c. All the armor goes to work for us by faith.
 - d. It takes faith to deal with and overcome the devil and his dirty tricks.
 - e. Kenneth E. Hagin said, “As long as Satan can hold you in the arena of reason, he will whip you every time—in every battle, every conflict. But if you will hold him in the arena of faith, you will defeat him every time!”³

3 Kenneth E. Hagin, “How to Win Your Unsaved Loved Ones—Part 2,” www.rhema.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1023:how-to-win-your-unsaved-loved-one, accessed February 2024

- f. All the armor of God depends on us not only having faith but knowing how to use it.
9. We can't overcome the world without faith.
- a. 1 John 5:4: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."
10. We can develop our faith.
- a. We grow, going from faith to faith (Romans 1:17).
 - b. 2 Thessalonians 1:3—"Your faith groweth exceedingly."
 - c. Psalm 84:7—"They go from strength to strength."
 - d. Faith in God's Word works.
 - e. John 17:17: "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."
 - f. Regardless of time or circumstance, the Word will prove true in our lives as we hold fast in faith.
11. We can't stand without faith.
- a. 2 Corinthians 1:24 (AMPC)—"...for in [your] faith... you stand firm."
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For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith:
as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

ROMANS 1:17

CORE VALUE #2:

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Faith

PART II

A. CORE VALUES REVIEW

1. As you build biblical values into your life, you have to order your thoughts, words and actions in line with the Word. It will get to a point where those core values are ordering your words and actions without you thinking about it.
2. Core values are the values we hold most dear. They are central to how we conduct our lives, guiding our thoughts, motives and actions. They are an individual's fundamental root beliefs and highest priorities that drive their behavior.
3. Your culture, attitudes and upbringing all shaped your values over time. Those beliefs deep in your heart direct your life—for better or for worse.
4. You must lock in on what God says He has for you and who He says you are in Christ.
5. Our core values:
 - a. We put the Word of God first place.
 - b. We live by faith.
 - c. We walk in love.
 - d. We are led by the Holy Spirit.

- e. We pray about everything.
 - f. We protect the anointing.
 - g. We honor God.
6. We established the Word in first place and the final authority in our lives.
- a. Why? Because God and His Word are One.
 - b. His Word is alive! His Word is powerful!
 - c. His Word, when given place, discerns between your spirit and soul and your body and delivers whatever you need for the perfect will of God to be done in every part.
 - d. It is the Word that delivers God's power!
7. If the Word is alive, powerful and so real, how do we get it to actually work in our lives?
8. "Faith is the catalyst that makes the Word work."
—Kenneth Copeland

B. CORE VALUE #2: WE LIVE BY FAITH

1. Four times the Scriptures declare that the just shall live by faith.
2. If we're to live by faith, we need to know what faith is and how it comes.
3. Hebrews 11:1: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
 - a. *AMPC*: "Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things (we) hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]."
 - b. Faith *is*. Faith is now.
 - i. Faith is the title deed to the promises of God.
 - ii. Your title deed declares, "This belongs to me."
 - c. Faith is a spiritual force, not an imagined concept.
4. Romans 10:17 (*NKJV*): "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

- a. Hearing the Word produces faith.
 - b. Faith then moves the Word.
 - c. Think of it! The Word will produce the faith necessary to bring itself to pass.
5. Faith is regulated by spiritual law.
 6. “Bulldog faith” is a faith that locks in on the Word of God and does not let go—regardless of naysayers, the devil, circumstances or symptoms.
 7. “Bulldog faith is a faith that does not quit.” —Pastor George
 8. We are commanded to have faith—and not just any kind of faith.
 - a. Mark 11:22 (NKJV): “Jesus answered and said to them, ‘*Have faith in God.*’”
 - b. The Greek says, “Have the faith of God.”
 - c. Have the God kind of faith.
 - d. Faith comes from the Word. It is His faith. God doesn’t give you a different kind of faith than He has. His faith is obviously more developed.
 - e. Develop an uncommon faith that is full of purpose.

C. WE MUST LIVE A LIFESTYLE OF FAITH, GROWING IN FAITH

1. The Bible speaks of *no* faith, weak faith, little faith, strong faith and *great* faith.
2. 2 Thessalonians 1:3—Our faith should steadily be growing.
3. You can monitor your faith.
 - a. You know when things shake you up or fear enters in.
 - b. When a storm rose up, the disciples were afraid, and Jesus said to them, “Where is your faith?” (Luke 8:25).
 - c. If you’re in fear, you’re not in faith. They are opposite forces.
 - d. Complaining, being easily offended or frustrated are signs of a lack of faith. Don’t disregard these indicators.

4. *Faith is based on what the Word of God says.*
 - a. Don't judge your faith by feelings. You can be in faith in your heart, but fear or doubt approach you from the outside.
 - b. Joy and peace are the best indicators of faith.
 - c. Operating on assumptions, instead of by faith, is dangerous.
 - d. "Am I in faith? Am I not in faith?"
5. What do you do with this faith?
 - a. 2 Corinthians 4:13 (NKJV): "And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, 'I believed and therefore I spoke,' we also believe and therefore speak."
 - b. What do we speak? What we believe.
 - c. Mark 11:22-24 (NKJV): "So Jesus answered and said to them, 'Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever *says* to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he *says* will be done, he will have whatever he *says*. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, *believe* that you receive them, and you will have them.'"
 - i. By faith we get rid of mountains.
 - ii. By faith we receive God's provision.
 - d. *Faith must be in our hearts and our mouths.*
 - e. Thinking on the Word is a part of meditation.
 - f. However, thoughts will die unborn if you don't speak them.
 - i. Matthew 6:31—Jesus said, "Take no thought, *saying*, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?"
 - ii. *You take thoughts by saying them.*
 - g. What you say will release what you have faith in—good or bad.
 - h. Release your faith in God's Word toward a situation, as it is God's Word that "becomes flesh." It's the Word that produces.

- i. “I construct things with the words of my faith. I construct things with the eye of faith.” —Pastor George
- j. Hebrews 11:3: “Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”
- k. Faith without corresponding action is dead (James 2:17).
- l. Do whatever the Lord directs, not what you think, and then you can stand firm in faith on His promises.

D. WHY DOES ALL OF THIS DEPEND ON FAITH?

1. Hebrews 11:5-6 (*AMPC*): “Because of faith Enoch was caught up and transferred to heaven, so that he did not have a glimpse of death; and he was not found, because God had translated him. For even before he was taken to heaven, he received testimony [still on record] that he had pleased and been satisfactory to God. But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out].”
 - a. Enoch pleased God.
 - b. Without faith you can’t please God.
 - c. What did Enoch do—by faith—that was so pleasing to God?
 - d. Genesis 5:22, 24 (*AMPC*): “Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God.... and he was not, for God took him [home with Him].”
 - e. Enoch used his faith to walk with God. This is the most important reason for faith of all!
2. All the blessings of God depend on us walking with God and that is what pleases Him.
3. No wonder Peter said, “your faith...is infinitely more precious than the perishable gold” (1 Peter 1:7, *AMPC*).

4. Doesn't that make you want to learn how to live by faith?
5. How do we get faith? Grow faith? Use our faith?
 - a. Go back to Core Value #1: We put the Word of God first place. Why?
 - b. Because Romans 10:17 says, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (NKJV).

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith:
as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

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CORE VALUE #3:

WE WALK IN *Love*

A. CORE VALUES REVIEW

1. “Your core values will pick the path you go down in life.” —Pastor Terri
2. In society, racial division, age division and gender division keep coming up and are pushed all the time.
3. Mark 3:25: “If a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.”
4. We are learning to live according to biblical core values. They will put everything else into perspective—in light of what God has said.
5. Core values are the values or beliefs we hold in such esteem that we guide our lives by them. They are our filter, our compass. They are central to how we conduct our lives, guiding our thoughts, motives and actions because they are what we believe.
6. “Our core values have to be so rooted and grounded on the inside that when the devil puts the squeeze on us, the only thing that comes out are values based in the Word of God.” —Pastor George
7. Romans 4:20-21—Abraham “staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith,

giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.”

8. We must be fully persuaded, standing firm in the Word.
9. Our Core Values:
 - a. We put the Word of God first place.
 - b. We live by faith.
 - c. We walk in love.
 - d. We are led by the Holy Spirit.
 - e. We pray about everything.
 - f. We protect the anointing.
 - g. We honor God.
10. We have been learning about living by faith and how everything is by faith.
11. Hebrews 11:6—We can’t please God without faith.
12. Galatians 5:6—Faith works by love.

B. CORE VALUE #3: WE WALK IN LOVE

1. Why is how we “walk” and live our lives important?
2. Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 15 (NKJV): “Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God.... But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you.
3. The blessing is in obeying God’s commandments.
4. If you do what God says, He will produce the promised outcome.
5. In this world of sin, sickness and trouble, there is a safe place—you can live under the umbrella of God’s

blessings when you walk in His ways.

6. What was the greatest commandment?
7. Matthew 22:36-38 (NKJV): "'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?' Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment."
 - a. To love God is the greatest—the principal commandment.
 - i. This means it is the one that drives all others, therefore it drives our lives.
 - ii. According to Galatians 5:6, faith works by love. Your faith will not work if you're in strife.
 - iii. How do we please God? How do we walk with God? By faith. We love God by faith.
 - iv. 1 John 4:10 (AMPC): "In this is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation (the atoning sacrifice) for our sins."
 - (a). God first loved us.
 - (b). We respond by loving in return.
 - (c). Faith in God's love will get us through anything.
 - v. 1 John 4:16 says we must believe that love.
 - vi. When things don't turn out like we wanted, when we don't understand...we believe the love He has for us.
 - (a). God has the answers to all our questions.
 - (b). Confidence in the Father's love will keep us steady and able to receive.
 - vii. "If you can believe the love that the Father has for you, it is going to accelerate your faith because you know beyond a shadow of a doubt, you are loved by Him. When you know you are loved by Him, it is easier to love others."
—Pastor George

- viii. John 17:23 (NKJV): "...that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."
- ix. When we truly see that love, we love Him. Where do we get the kind of faith that can love God through the questions?
- x. Romans 10:17: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."—Core Value #1
- xi. Where do we find out about His love for us?
Core Value #1—the Word of God!
- b. Jesus went on to say in Matthew 22, "the second (commandment) is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets" (verses 39-40, NKJV).
 - i. The second commandment is like the first and it is to love others as we love ourselves.
 - ii. Love from God, love toward God, love people—these three all work together.
 - iii. What comes from God *to* you is designed to go *through* you. If you shut it off from going through you, it will not keep coming to you.
 - iv. If you do not forgive, then forgiveness cannot get to you.
 - v. Mark 11:25 (AMPC): "Whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop."
- c. Later, Jesus elevated the command:
 - i. John 13:34 (NKJV): "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as *I have loved you*, that you also love one another."
- d. We are to love even as Jesus loves. The same people. The same way.

- e. You cannot love others as Jesus has loved you until you have received the love of Jesus for you.
 - i. That love is what produces the new birth.
 - ii. His love is deposited on the inside of us when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior.
- f. We can love as Jesus loves.
- g. What does that kind of love look like?

C. 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-8

With Footnotes From the Spirit-Filled Life Bible⁴

1. Verses 1-3 (NKJV): "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing."
 - a. Love is crucial to our walk of faith.
 - b. *Spirit-Filled Life Bible* footnote:
 "Without love the most magnificent manifestation of gifts and the most heroic self-sacrifice mean nothing. Right things must be done in the right way."
2. Reading these verses from the *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*...
3. Verse 4 (AMPC): "Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily."
 - a. *Spirit-Filled Life Bible* footnote:
 "Love suffers long, having patience with imperfect people. Love is kind, active in doing good. Love does not envy; since it is nonpossessive and noncompetitive, it actually wants other people to get ahead. Hence it does not parade itself.
 "Love has a self-effacing quality; it is not ostentatious.

⁴ Footnotes, 1 Corinthians, Donald Pickerill, *Spirit-Filled Life® Bible* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers Inc., 1991)

“Love is not puffed up, treating others arrogantly; it does not behave rudely, but displays good manners and courtesy.

“Love does not seek its own, insisting on its own rights and demanding precedence; rather, it is unselfish.

“Love is not provoked; it is not irritable or touchy, rough or hostile, but is graceful under pressure.”

4. Verse 5 (AMPC): “It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God’s love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].”
 - a. *Spirit-Filled Life Bible* footnote:
“Love...erases resentments.”
5. Verse 6 (AMPC): “It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.”
 - a. *Spirit-Filled Life Bible* footnote:
“Love does not rejoice in iniquity, finding satisfaction in the shortcomings of others and spreading an evil report, rather, it rejoices in the truth, aggressively advertising the good.”
6. Verse 7 (AMPC): “Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].”
 - a. *Spirit-Filled Life Bible* footnote:
“Love bears all things, defending and holding other people up.
“Love believes the best about others, credits (people) them with good intentions, and is not suspicious. Love hopes all things, never giving up on people, but affirming their future.”

7. Verse 8 (AMPC): “Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end].”
 - a. Love never stops loving.
 - b. *Spirit-Filled Life Bible* footnote:
 “...persevering and remaining loyal to the end.”

D. HOW IS A LOVE LIKE THIS POSSIBLE?

1. This needs faith!
2. “Faith works by love—but love has to work by faith.”
—Pastor Terri
3. Not everyone is easy to love—in fact, no one is *always* easy to love.
4. Sometimes it’s because we are more unloving than the other person.
5. So it takes faith! Where are we going to get faith for walking in love? The Word of God.
6. Romans 10:17—“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing” (not *just* reading and reading)—about what the Word tells us about love.
7. Romans 5:5 (NKJV): “The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”
8. In God’s love for us, He gave us His love.
9. Everything God has given us is because He loves us. And because He loves us, He has given us everything.
10. “Become love conscious by confessing and acting on God’s Word today. As you meditate these scriptures, see yourself living the love life. See yourself walking in accordance with and guided by the commandments of Jesus. Develop the love He has hidden in you.”
—Kenneth Copeland⁵

⁵ Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, *From Faith to Faith—A Daily Guide to Victory* (Fort Worth: Kenneth Copeland Publications, 1992), June 10 devotion

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another;
as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

JOHN 13:34

CORE VALUE #4:

WE ARE LED BY THE *Holy Spirit*

PART I

A. OUR CORE VALUES

1. We are looking at core values—what they are, and sharing key principles for living that release the blessings of God in our lives.
2. What are core values?
 - a. They are what we hold most dear.
 - b. They are an internal compass guiding all decisions and actions.
 - c. Everything is filtered through our values or beliefs.
 - d. Our core values are central to how we conduct our lives, guiding our thoughts, motives and actions because we believe them.
3. It is possible to influence society and be relevant, yet remain grounded in who we are. To do so, we must know what we are called, by Jesus, to do, and be grounded in our values—to such a degree that outside elements cannot move us.
4. Hebrews 4:12: “For the word of God is quick, and

powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

5. The Word of God will talk to us, as Oral Roberts used to say, “in the now.”
6. We identified seven core values a believer needs to stay steady, and as Jesus said, to occupy till He comes. The world is pressing hard against God and everything good. We can shine bright over the dark.
7. Our core values:
 - a. We put the Word of God first place.
 - i. We make and keep it prominent.
 - ii. The Word of God is wisdom and always is our answer.
 - b. We live by faith.
 - i. Everything in God is by faith.
 - ii. Brother Copeland has said, “If I can’t get it by faith, I won’t have it.” Thus, our ministry is debt free.
 - c. We walk in love.
 - i. Faith works by love, so love must be the greatest motivation in our life for the ministry we’re involved in.
 - d. We are led by the Holy Spirit.
 - e. We pray about everything.
 - f. We protect the anointing.
 - g. We honor God.
8. As we get these core values inside us, negative beliefs will be flushed out.
9. We must reset our core beliefs to the point that, regardless of what comes against us, we cannot be moved off the Word of God.
10. God will always lead us to “triumph in Christ” (2 Corinthians 2:14).

B. CORE VALUE #4: WE ARE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. How can you be led by Him if you're not aware of Him?
2. 1 John 5:7 (NKJV): "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one."
3. God and His Word are One. God and His Spirit are One, and because He is love, He doesn't hold back.
4. The Holy Spirit is qualified to lead us. Every quality that is found in God and in Jesus is found in the Holy Spirit.
5. John 14:26 (NKJV)—Jesus said, "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."
6. Romans 8:14 (AMPC): "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."
 - a. *Sons* in the Greek indicates these are more than infants.
 - b. You aren't maturing in God if you aren't growing in being led by Him.
 - c. It will be important for us to be led by the Spirit in these last days.
7. "When God sent the Holy Spirit, He didn't send the B-team or the junior squad." —Pastor Terri

C. THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS VITAL TO MANKIND

1. By the Spirit we have access—connection—to the Father (Ephesians 2:18).
2. He is the Spirit of truth, grace, wisdom, understanding, counsel, might and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2; John 14:17; Hebrews 10:29).
3. He sheds the love of God in our hearts (Romans 5:5).
4. He reveals the Father, the Son, the Word and the future. He sees all, knows all, and is the third Person of the Trinity.

5. John 16:13-14 (AMPC): “But when He, the *Spirit of Truth* (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will *guide you into all the Truth* (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and *He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come* [that will happen in the future]. He will honor and glorify Me, because He will take of (receive, draw upon) what is Mine and *will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.*”
 - a. He will declare, disclose and transmit what we need to know.
 - b. The Holy Spirit will tell us things that are to come.
 - c. The Lord said, “I will lead you through troubled times.”
 - d. This is not always like you think. It can be, *Call your mother. Or, Add more to your savings. Pray for your pastor. Check your phone. And, Get up early.*
 - e. Be listening to His leading all day, and quickly obey.
 - f. Direction can have big consequences, like on 9/11. A man from Pastor Dan Stratton’s church was on the street right by the Twin Towers. The Holy Spirit told him, *Run!* He promptly ran. Obedience saved his life.
 - g. Believe to always be in the right place at the right time.
6. God is speaking all the time. Only a few are listening.
7. John 6:63 (NKJV): “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”
8. Life comes out of the Spirit. We are to be inside-out people.
9. Romans 8:16 (AMPC): “The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God.”
 - a. NKJV: “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our

spirit that we are children of God.”

- b. The Holy Spirit communicates to us through our spirits.
- c. “I check in with the Holy Spirit all the time.” —Pastor George

10. Kenneth E. Hagin said, “Many times...we seek guidance by means other than the way God said. When we do, we get into trouble. We sometimes judge how God is leading by what our physical senses tell us. But nowhere does God say that He will guide us through our physical senses.

“Too often we look at things from a mental standpoint and endeavor to reason out things. But nowhere does the Bible say God will guide us through our mentality. The Bible does not say that the body of man is the candle of the Lord.... It says that the spirit of man is the candle of the Lord.

“God will guide—He will enlighten us—through our spirits.”⁶

11. The leading of the Spirit begins by developing your awareness of your inner man, the spirit man within, and an awareness of the Holy Spirit’s presence in your own spirit.

D. PERHAPS THE GREATEST MEANS OF DEVELOPING YOUR AWARENESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN IS TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH THE EVIDENCE OF SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES

1. Mark 16:16-17—Jesus said those that believe in His Name would speak with other tongues.
2. Jesus’ expectation is that every believer be filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in new tongues.
3. The Holy Spirit first came in His fullness in Acts 2.

6 *How You Can Be Led by the Spirit of God*, Kenneth E. Hagin (Tulsa: Kenneth Hagin Ministries Inc., 1986) p. 1

4. Acts 2:4 (NKJV): “They were *all* filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”
5. Being filled with the Spirit is how believers give place to the fullness of the Holy Spirit’s earthly ministry—both *to* us and *through* us. —Pastor Terri
6. The Apostle Paul said, “I wish you all spoke with tongues,” and “I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all” (1 Corinthians 14:5, 18, NKJV).
7. There are benefits to speaking in other tongues! These include:
 - a. 1 Corinthians 14:2 (NKJV): “He who *speaks in a tongue* does not speak to men but *to God*, for no one understands him....” It’s your private prayer language with the Father!
 - b. 1 Corinthians 14:2: “...in the spirit he speaks mysteries.”
 - i. AMPC: “In the [Holy] Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things [not obvious to the understanding].”
 - c. Jude 20 (AMPC): “But you, beloved, *build yourselves up* [founded] on your most holy faith [make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], *praying in the Holy Spirit*.”
 - d. Acts 1:8 (NKJV): “*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.”
8. When you pray in other tongues your mind does not understand what you are praying. It’s your spirit talking to God. God is Spirit (John 4:24).
 - a. 1 Corinthians 14:14-15 (NKJV): “For if I *pray in a tongue*, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? I *will pray* with the spirit, and I *will also pray* with the understanding.”

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

ROMANS 8:14

CORE VALUE #4:

WE ARE LED BY THE *Holy Spirit*

PART II

A. OUR CORE VALUES

1. What we value, we invest in. We invest our time, finances and energy.
2. We maintain focus on things we want to build into our lives.
3. Core values are the values we hold most dear. They are central to how we conduct our lives, guiding our thoughts, motives and actions. They are an individual's fundamental root beliefs and highest priorities that drive their behavior.
4. Our core values:
 - a. We put the Word of God first place.
 - b. We live by faith.
 - c. We walk in love.
 - d. We are led by the Holy Spirit.
 - e. We pray about everything.
 - f. We protect the anointing.
 - g. We honor God.

5. We want these biblical beliefs built into the core of who we are, not be just a doctrinal list mentally ascribed to.
6. According to Romans 10:10, with the heart we believe.
7. What your heart is full of will come out of your mouth—you'll talk about it and live what you truly believe.
8. The Holy Spirit wants to "guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

B. GOD THE FATHER, THE SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT WORK AS ONE

1. 1 John 5:7 (NKJV): "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one."
 - a. God's Word is His will. God and His Word are One.
 - i. Jesus is the living Word.
 - ii. John 1:14 (NKJV): "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory."
 - b. God and His Spirit are One.
2. There is never any disagreement between the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit. They always agree.
3. If you think you are being led by the Holy Spirit, but things do not line up with the Word of God, then you are wrong. The Holy Spirit will never lead you to do anything that contradicts the Bible.
4. Romans 8:14 (AMPC): "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."
 - a. *Sons* in the Greek indicates someone growing, maturing.

C. UNDERSTANDING THE NATURE OF MAN IS A KEY TO BEING LED

1. Proverbs 20:27: “The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward *parts* of the belly.”
 - a. *HEB*: “The spirit of man is the *lamp* of the Lord.”
 - b. “I thought the Lord gives light through the entrance of His Word?” Yes—but where and how?
Where—in your spirit
How—by His Spirit within
 - c. God will enlighten us, guide us and led us through our spirits.
2. John 4:24: “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
 - a. Jesus said, “[God’s] word is truth”—so true worship cannot be devoid of His Word (John 17:17). Neither can it be devoid of His Spirit.
 - b. God is a Spirit—and you are created in His image (Genesis 1:26-27)
 - c. Then you must, by definition, be a spirit.
 - d. You are designed to hear Him. You are His child and will grow in your ability to follow Him.
3. “Before we can understand how God does lead us and guide us through our spirits, we have to understand the nature of man. We have to understand that man is a spirit, that he has a soul, and that he lives in a body.”
 —Kenneth E. Hagin⁷
4. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 (*NKJV*): “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.”
 - a. You are made of three parts: spirit, soul and body.
 - b. This is basic to understanding spiritual things.
 - c. Notice the spirit is listed first.
 - i. This is where God enlightens us, Spirit to spirit.

⁷ *How You Can Be Led by the Spirit of God*, Kenneth E. Hagin, pgs. 1-2

- ii. All other light that comes to our mind, emotions or feelings are a result of the Light that comes to the spirit.
 - iii. We want to become tender to the Holy Spirit.
- d. Our emotions and feelings are not to be in charge or followed.
- 5. The leading of the Spirit begins by developing your awareness of the spirit man within and awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence in your own spirit.
 - a. 1 John 4:4: "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."
 - b. When you pray in other tongues, according to Jude 20, you strengthen and build up your spirit man. As you pray, you become more aware of and alert to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
 - c. You must become spirit conscious—or inner-man conscious.
 - d. 1 Peter 3:4 calls this inner man the "hidden man of the heart."
 - e. John 3:6: "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit."
 - i. So spiritual things are produced by the spirit.
 - ii. Mental things are contacted through and with the mind.
 - f. The body is to feed information to the mind for deduction, reasoning and decision making.
 - g. The will is to be trained and strengthened by the spirit and hold the flesh in submission.
 - h. If the soul is weak, the flesh will train the will to follow what it wants. The flesh on its own will always oppose God and His ways.
- 6. Brother Hagin said, "Many years ago, I began to think like this, and at first I would say it to myself out loud:
 - "I am a spirit being.*
 - "I have a soul.*
 - "And I live in a body."⁸*

The more he said that phrase, the more sensitive he became to the leadings of the Holy Spirit.

WHAT ABOUT BEING LED BY THE SPIRIT?

1. Romans 8:16 (NKJV): “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”
 - a. The Spirit of God relates to our spirits.
 - b. We connect with the spiritual realm with our spirits—not our minds or feelings.
2. Jesus told us to “watch and pray” (Matthew 26:41; Luke 21:36).
3. Habakkuk 2:1 (AMPC): “I will...stand upon my post of observation...and will watch to see what He will say within me and what answer I will make [as His mouth-piece].”
 - a. We learn to hear Him inside, and respond.
4. 1 John 2:20 (NKJV): “You have an anointing [an unction] from the Holy One, and you know all things.” All things about what? Verse 21 says that John wrote this because we know the truth.
5. What is the inward witness? The unction?
 - a. Colossians 3:15: “Let peace be your umpire.” It’s a sense, but a spiritual one.
 - b. Is there peace inside—in your spirit?
 - c. Is there a “green light”...or a “red light”?
 - d. Is there peace or agitation in your spirit?
 - e. Follow that knowing on the inside—in your inner man.
6. The more tender you are to the Holy Spirit, the more skillful you will become in your ability to follow the inward witness.
7. Sometimes His leading can be a voice within—either the still, small voice of your conscience or the authoritative voice of the Holy Spirit. By far it is most often the inward witness within.

8. “Many times we ignore the inward witness. We want something out in the sense realm. We seek the sensual and miss the supernatural. Let’s learn that God leads all of His children, primarily, by the inward witness.” —Kenneth E. Hagin⁹
9. Proverbs 4:18—The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn that grows brighter and brighter til it reaches the noon day sun.
10. Sometimes the witness—or leading—needs to grow.
11. “I followed the leading of the inward witness to go to ORU” —Pastor GeorgeThe flesh will argue with feelings, reasonings.
12. John 16:13—Jesus said the Holy Spirit tells what He hears from the Father.
13. John 10:4-5—We hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. We do not follow a stranger’s voice.

HOW DO WE DEVELOP IN BEING LED?

1. We go back to the Word, faith, love and prayer.
2. The Word says:
 - a. John 16:13 (NKJV): “He will guide you into all truth.”
 - b. Jesus said, “Thy word is truth” (John 17:17).
 - c. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth, and He will always lead you in line with the Word of God. They are One (1 John 5:7).
3. Faith says:
 - a. I believe that. So I make way for it by asking for the Holy Spirit’s leading.
 - b. I believe I receive it.
 - c. I line my words up with it.
 - d. John 10:4—I hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. I do not follow a stranger’s voice.

9 *How You Can Be Led by the Spirit of God*, Kenneth E. Hagin, p. 38

4. Love says:
 - a. The love of God is shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Ghost (Romans 5:5).
 - b. His love would not abandon me but leads me in the way I should go.
5. Declare:

I WAS CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD.

HE IS A SPIRIT BEING.

I AM A SPIRIT BEING.

I HAVE A VIBRANT SOUL.

I LIVE IN A HEALTHY BODY.

**I AM BECOMING MORE
SPIRIT CONSCIOUS EVERY DAY.**

**I AM BECOMING MORE AWARE
OF MY SPIRIT EVERY DAY.**

**I AM LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN MY SPIRIT—
NOT BY MY MIND,
NOT BY MY EMOTIONS,
NOT BY MY BODY.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT SPEAKS TO MY SPIRIT.

HE LEADS ME.

HE GUIDES ME.

HE PREPARES ME FOR THINGS TO COME.

I HEAR THE VOICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

A STRANGER'S VOICE I SHALL NOT FOLLOW.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

ROMANS 8:14

CORE VALUE #5:

WE *Pray* ABOUT EVERYTHING

A. CORE VALUES REVIEW

1. Core values are the values we hold in such esteem that we guide our lives by them. They are our filter, our compass. They are central to how we conduct our lives, guiding our thoughts, motives and actions.
2. What are our core values?
 - a. We put the Word of God first place.
 - b. We live by faith.
 - c. We walk in love.
 - d. We are led by the Holy Spirit.
 - e. We pray about everything.
 - f. We protect the anointing.
 - g. We honor God.
3. We've been talking about being led by the Holy Spirit.
4. It's time to discover the dynamics of Spirit-led prayer.
5. The Holy Spirit wants to work with you in prayer to hit your target every time.

B. CORE VALUE #5: WE PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING

1. “Prayer is the foundation of every successful Christian endeavor.” —Kenneth Copeland
2. Effective prayer will always be based on the Word of God.
 - a. The Word is the authority on prayer.
 - b. By the Word, you learn to recognize the Holy Spirit and His leading.
 - c. In prayer, the Holy Spirit will never lead you away from the Word.
3. Nearly every believer inherently knows he needs to pray, but unless you truly believe that prayer is essential, prayer will never take its full place in your life.
4. Prayer is the means by which we have contact with God, thus prayer is the means by which we have success.
5. Prayerlessness is a guarantee of failure.
 - a. Why? Simply put, with God, you have success.
 - b. Without God, you do not.
6. John Wesley said, “It seems God is limited by our prayer life—that He can do nothing for humanity unless someone asks Him.”¹⁰
7. There is a legal reason for that. What is it?
 - a. Genesis 1:26-28 (AMPC):
 - i. God said, “Let Us make *mankind*”—not just Adam!—“in Our image.”
 - ii. “Let them...have complete authority.... subdue...have dominion...”.
8. God has control of some things because He established it that way from the beginning. But dominion over the earth and the operations of the “world” were given to man.
 - a. *Dominion* = Supreme authority; the power of governing and controlling; the right of possession and use

10 *The Art of Intercession*, Kenneth E Hagin (Tulsa: Kenneth Hagin Ministries Inc., 1987) p. 1

- without being accountable
- b. *By design*, Adam was in charge. *By desire*, God was there supplying every need. He is the Provider of everything good.
 - c. Adam sold out to Satan, and Satan became the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4).
 - d. As long as Adam's lease exists, God must be *invited* to interact with man.
 - e. Thankfully, the plan of Redemption went into effect to put mankind back in full fellowship with the Father.
9. Through prayer, we can operate on a high level, one that supersedes the world's operations and systems.
 10. "Prayer is where we do kingdom business with God."
—Pastor Terri
 11. The laws of the spirit function on a higher order than natural laws.
 12. "The journey in prayer is often as important as the destination." —Pastor Terri
 13. The bottom line was, and is still, "God and sons."
 - a. He has given you the Word—which is Himself.
 - b. We have access by grace, by faith.
 - c. Love is always the atmosphere of prayer that He invites you into.
 - d. We have the Name of Jesus—with authority in three worlds: heaven, earth and under the earth.
 - e. We have the blood of Jesus.
 - f. We have the Holy Spirit to teach, to guide, to reveal, to empower us.
 - g. We have angelic assistance.
 - h. We have full access to THE throne and to Him who sits on it!
 - i. We were created in His image and likeness so there would be no hindrance to our coming.
 - j. All that's left to you is to "come"—but you do have to come.

14. Your flesh will want to argue and become busy, instead of stopping to pray.
15. Regarding looking inward, Pastor Clark Taylor said to “drop down into Jesus.”
16. The best prayers, the highest prayers, are those that come from out of your spirit.

C. NEW TESTAMENT PRAYER—IF DONE RIGHT, IT IS ALIVE!

1. James 4:2-3: “Ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss.”
 - a. If you can ask wrong, then you can ask right.
2. There are all kinds of prayer: the prayer of faith, the prayer of agreement, binding and loosing, intercession, petition and supplication, the prayer of consecration and dedication, the prayer of worship.
 - a. There are rules for these different kinds of prayer and we must learn to pray correctly.
 - b. God will always equip us with the information, ability, power—everything necessary to do what He expects of us.
 - c. The Word tells us how to pray.
3. Why are there rules? Because there is great power in prayer and power has to be regulated.
4. James 5:16-18 (*AMPC*): “The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]. Elijah was a human being with a nature such as we have [with feelings, affections, and a constitution like ours]; and he prayed earnestly for it not to rain, and no rain fell on the earth for three years and six months. And [then] he prayed again and the heavens supplied rain and the land produced its crops [as usual].”
 - a. Prayer, the right kind of prayer, prayed the right way, delivers power.
 - b. Praying incorrectly short-circuits the power.

5. Prayer itself is powerful because of the great power it delivers, like a gun is powerful because of the ammunition it delivers. You need to know how to load it!
 - a. Prayer must be powerful—look at what depends on it!
 - i. Your own salvation (Romans 10:9-10, 13; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:16-18, 36)
 - ii. The harvest of souls (Matthew 9:37-38; 1 Timothy 2:1-6; Isaiah 59:16; 2 Corinthians 4:4, 5:18)
 - iii. Forgiveness to flow; without it, men are trapped in sin (Psalm 86:5; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 1:7-8, 4:32; Matthew 18:21-22)
 - iv. Wisdom (Proverbs 4:1-3; Psalm 61:1-2; James 3:14-17; Colossians 1:9; Job 12:13-23)
 - v. Kings and those in authority—the level of peace and godliness we live in is directly connected to it! (1 Timothy 2:1-6; Psalm 80:14-18, Psalm 125; Proverbs 21:1, 29:2, 8, 12, 16)
 - vi. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4, 16-19, 4:29-33; Isaiah 44:3; James 5:7, 15-18)
 - b. If Moses had not prayed, we would not have the first five books of the Bible, including the Ten Commandments. Every book of the Bible is the outcome of prayer—one way or another.
 - c. Abraham prayed and Isaac was born.
 - d. Joshua prayed and the sun stood still—and Israel was victorious.
 - e. King David prayed and slew giants, built a natural kingdom, but also built the foundation for the Messianic kingdom. Most importantly, he found the heart of God.
 - f. Solomon prayed. The prophets prayed. The nation prayed.
 - g. Jesus prayed! Without prayer, there would have been no choosing the disciples, the Father would not have sent the Holy Spirit, and Jesus would be unemployed—because He ever lives to make intercession for you and me (Hebrews 7:25).
 - h. Peter prayed. Paul prayed. They all prayed!

6. "Bible prayerlessness is the root from which all spiritual and moral failure spring. No man who lives out his life in constant communion with God can be a failure."
—Jeanne Wilkerson
7. No wonder the Bible teaches us to pray without ceasing.
 - a. Never stop? Is that possible?
 - b. Yes! Stay in constant communion with the Father (not just constant asking).
8. "In Jesus' ministry, the day-working made the night-praying a necessity. The night-praying made successful the day-working." —E.M. Bounds
9. Never lay prayer aside, never let it die.
 - a. Keep feeding it.
 - b. "Stay hungry for the bread of the Word and thirsty for the waters of the Spirit, and exercise your prayer life daily." —Pastor Terri
 - c. Do these things and you will develop skill in handling the weapons of spiritual warfare.
 - d. You will grow and mature in prayer and see power become available when you pray.
10. There is so much to learn about prayer!
 - a. What to pray, how to pray
 - b. The disciples said, "Teach us to pray!" So it is learned by teaching.
 - c. But Jesus also said, "Watch and pray."
 - d. So prayer is caught as well as taught.
11. How do we learn? Core Value #1: We put the Word of God first place, and Core Value #4: We are led by the Holy Spirit.

"...men ought always to pray, and not to faint."
LUKE 18:1

CORE VALUE #6:

WE PROTECT THE *Anointing*

A. CORE VALUES REVIEW

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2. What are our core values?
 - a. We put the Word of God first place.
 - b. We live by faith.
 - c. We walk in love.
 - d. We are led by the Holy Spirit.
 - e. We pray about everything.
 - f. We protect the anointing.
 - g. We honor God.
3. We previously spoke about the importance of praying about everything.
4. Prayer is where we do kingdom business with God.
5. God has given us the right and authority to use His Name in prayer.
6. We want to flow in His Anointing and see lives transformed. To do that we need to understand our next core value.

B. CORE VALUE #6: WE PROTECT THE ANOINTING

1. Jesus walked in the Anointing.
2. Jesus said in Luke 4:18-19 (NKJV), "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."
3. Everything that Jesus did He was able to do because of the Anointing.
4. Acts 10:38: "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."
 - a. The Anointing of the Spirit came on Jesus when He was baptized (Luke 3:22). Before that, Jesus hadn't performed any miracles.
 - b. Jesus was anointed with an equipping to function in his calling.
 - c. That anointing flowed when there was a demand put on it.
5. *Christ* = the Anointed One (and His Anointing)
6. That same anointing will get us beyond the natural into the supernatural, to be able to bring deliverance and do what God wants done.

C. THE ANOINTING DEFINED

1. Isaiah 10:27: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing."
2. *To anoint* = to pour over, to smear, to rub into
 - a. Common use could include painting a house, buttering bread, or oiling a glove or leather furniture.

- b. In Scripture, it means to pour on, pour oil upon; to smear or rub with oil. Its use in Scripture gives spiritual significance.
- 3. *Anointing*
 - a. Several words are translated *anointing*, though they all have the same root meaning.
 - b. It can be translated *fat*, relating to plenty, strength, fruitfulness, fertility.
- 4. The anointing is the burden-removing, yoke destroying power of God.
- 5. It is the power of God on flesh, doing only what God can do.
- 6. It is God poured over, smeared on and rubbed into.
- 7. “We cherish the anointing—without it, we can do nothing. With the power of God on us, we can do all things.” —Pastor George
- 8. There is an anointing we are to walk in as believers.

D. THE ANOINTING AND THE NEW COVENANT

- 1. The Old Covenant anointing was only *upon* the kings, priests, and prophets for their ministry service.
- 2. The New Covenant anointing is available to all believers.
- 3. Why? Because we have the Anointing of the Holy Spirit *within us*.
- 4. 1 John 2:20: “Ye have an unction (anointing) from the Holy One.”
 - a. The anointing is there for you so you must learn to work with it.
 - b. Do not take the anointing for granted nor treat it lightly.
 - c. There is an anointing to do all God has called you to do, but you need to value it and protect it.
- 5. 1 John 2:27: “The anointing which ye have received of

him abideth in you, and... the same anointing teacheth you of all things...."

- a. Now this does not mean we do not need teachers, as Jesus "gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry" (Ephesians 4:11-12).
 - b. The Holy Spirit within "will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).
6. Abiding in the Truth is how you protect the anointing.
 7. "Learning to recognize the anointing in prayer will teach you a lot about learning to recognize the anointing to minister." —Pastor Terri

E. A LIFE OF CONSECRATION

1. *Consecrated* = to be set apart for the Lord, for His use, thereby deemed holy; belonging to Him.
2. "You are 'made the righteousness of God' in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:21), but holiness is an outworking of righteousness in your life—in your thinking and behavior." —Pastor Terri
3. In temple worship, oil was used, along with blood, to consecrate everything.
4. Anointing oil represents the Holy Spirit.
5. The priests were ceremonially anointed with oil, following application of the blood.
6. The cleansing power of Jesus' blood set you apart from sin at the new birth (Ephesians 1:7).
 - a. Sin and the anointing do not mix.
 - b. Sin diminishes the anointing and limits what God can do in people's lives.
 - c. Ministers have died young because of their abuse of the anointing.
 - d. You must renew your mind to the Word and live by the Word, not your flesh or the world's standards.

- e. 1 John 1:9: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
7. The priests were anointed with a very expensive, sacred, perfumed oil.
 - a. A special blend of aromatic spices was mixed with the oil to create a perfume that was not allowed to be used for anything else.
 - b. The aroma would fill their senses and the air around them.
 - c. Their head, garments and entire body were saturated with oil.
 - d. This ceremony was so strong to their senses that they were marked in their thinking—something special had just occurred.
 - e. You can tell when someone is saturated! The anointing marks them.
 8. The anointing set people apart to their calling, and brought change as they yielded to it.
 - a. Samuel anointed Saul with oil to become Israel’s first king. Samuel then prophesied to him that he would become another man.
 - b. Just like the prophet said, the anointing to be “captain over His inheritance” came upon Saul and he too prophesied (1 Samuel 10:1-11).
 9. There is an anointing for ministry service. It is a sacred, holy, cherished gift.
 - a. Ministers are called and set apart, anointed to dispense grace to you to teach you how to activate the Word in your life (Ephesians 3:2-4, 4:7, 11).
 - b. Matthew 21:12-13 (NKJV): “Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. And He said to them, ‘It is written, “My house shall be called a house of prayer,” but you

- have made it a “den of thieves.””
- c. That anointing is never for self-gain (Such as selling “prophecies” or healing. Avoid being a buyer or a seller of such at all costs. It is dangerous.).
 - d. You can’t afford strife, jealousy or covetousness.
10. Yielding to the anointing is to not yield to the flesh.
- a. Romans 8:5 (*AMPC*): “For those who are according to the flesh and are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on and pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit and are controlled by the desires of the Spirit set their minds on and seek those things which gratify the [Holy] Spirit.”
11. Honor creates an atmosphere for the moving of the Holy Spirit.
- a. 1 Samuel 2:30—The Lord said “...them that honor me I will honor, and them that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.”
 - b. Cultivate a hearing ear to the Holy Spirit. What does He want to do?
 - c. “Now concerning spiritual gifts (Greek = things pertaining to and of the Holy Ghost), brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant” (1 Corinthians 12:1, *NKJV*).
12. The anointing isn’t “weak.” Power is always available. We need to learn how to access it correctly—likely electricity from a power plant.

F. THE RESULTS OF THE ANOINTING

1. Think of Maria Woodworth Etter, Kathryn Kuhlman, John G. Lake, Smith Wigglesworth, Lester Sumrall.
2. They separated from the world and the voices of the world.
3. One example is of Lester Sumrall bringing in the newspaper to Smith Wigglesworth. Wigglesworth only read the Bible. The dead were raised on three continents!

4. Brother Copeland learned from Oral Roberts to shut everything off in the early afternoon before peaching in the evenings. When he drove Brother Roberts to and from meetings, he knew not to talk to him, unless spoken to.
5. What is the anointing?

Notes on Oral Roberts—From Jerry Savelle on the Believer's Voice of Victory broadcast, January 13, 2015

He searched the scriptures for every example of the anointing he could find. Eventually the revelation came to him.

The anointing is the time when God separates you from yourself and fills you with His glory, so that when you speak, it's God speaking. When you act, it is God acting. It is not that you have taken leave of your senses. But rather, you become keenly aware that you are acting under God's divine unction, God's divine guidance and God's divine power.

When the anointing comes on you, it removes all fear and doubt. It fills you with a holy boldness. It causes your compassion for the sick and hurting people to be multiplied one thousand times more. Your desire to see these people set free literally consumes you.

My urgency to see them rid of the tormenting power of the devil is what moves me when I am under the anointing.

G. HOW TO DEVELOP THE ANOINTING

1. Everything operates by love. Walk in love and yield to compassion.
2. Stay humble before the Lord and others.
 - a. Be sensitive to and learn to respond to the anointing on other people.
 - b. Defer to the higher anointing.
3. Meditation on the Word builds the anointing into our

spirits—especially the “in Him” or “in Christ” verses, because they tell us about the anointing in us.

4. Recognize, acknowledge, and yield to the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17).
5. Pray! Pray often until you are praying continually. Pray in tongues much.
6. Long periods of silence, just listening inside; those that wait on the Lord will renew their strength (Isaiah 40:31).
7. “The anointing factor is the very power of God at work in your situation... When you’re confronted by impossible circumstances in this world, you have a covenant right to expect the power of God in your life to work on your behalf.” —Kenneth Copeland¹¹
 - a. Don’t ever forget to factor the anointing into everything you do!

11 Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, *From Faith to Faith—A Daily Guide to Victory* (Fort Worth: Kenneth Copeland Publications, 1992), February 29 devotion

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

LUKE 4:18-19, NKJV

CORE VALUE #7:

WE *Honor* GOD

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3. Our Core Values:
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 - c. We walk in love.
 - d. We are led by the Holy Spirit.
 - e. We pray about everything.
 - f. We protect the anointing.
 - g. We honor God.
4. Although honoring God is last on our list, it is honor which drives us to do all the others.
5. Everything funnels into how we honor God. There's a way to do it too—it is not something we just determine for ourselves.

B. CORE VALUE #7: WE HONOR GOD

Honor.

In past generations, honor was taught. It was a core value in our society. You found it everywhere, from home to school, work, business, military and government. It was

taught and demonstrated. The dishonorable were disdained, even punished.

Honor was shown to people—parents, the elderly and authorities of any kind; but also, to heritage, tradition and national identity. We honored even symbols of those institutions, especially the flag. This was true in all Western Bible-embracing societies.

That's the key: *Bible-embracing*. All honor comes first from God. Without the Bible, without Him, people would not know there was such a thing as honor, much less what it looks like or its value.

The opposite is true as well. Remove the Bible, and godly honor fades away to the point it either doesn't exist, or it is so perverted it becomes lopsided. It aggrandizes the wrong things, while degrading others. Honor is no longer lovingly given, but instead may be violently extracted.

There are still traces of honor in society. But for the most part, what honor truly is, and how to show it, is left up to the individual. It's assumed to be optional; it is without standards and therefore denigrated, holding little value.

But as a core value, we elevate the importance of honor with "Honoring God" at the *very* top.

—Pastor Terri

C. WHAT IS HONOR?

1. *Honor* defined...
 - a. It means high respect, great esteem, regard, to recognize the worth or value of a person or thing, adherence to a standard of conduct, to fulfill or keep an agreement.
 - b. One definition said, "a feeling of admiration."
 - i. In God, honor is *not* based on feelings. This is a real problem in our society.
 - (a). "I don't feel like showing respect."

- (b). "I will not show them respect. They should think like I think, and do what I say."
 - (c) "I don't feel you deserve respect."
- c. The Hebrew word translated *honor* is *kavod*. It is also translated *glory*, which means "heavy with everything good."
 - i. *Honor* means "weighty in terms of importance and impressiveness."
 - ii. Keith Moore said, "Love is easily impressed by others."
 - iii. *Kavod* means "to prize highly."
- 2. Honor is a perceived value.
- 3. Honor, though it is taught, comes from the heart.
 - a. It is a spiritual force.
 - b. Honor is something conferred.
- 4. "Honor is shown in what we do... and in what we don't do." —Pastor Terri
 - a. Honor is not honor if it is not demonstrated with action.
 - b. If you say, "I'm not trying to be dishonorable, *but...*" you're about to define what dishonor is.
 - c. Honor includes showing respect to someone for who they are, their position, or what they have accomplished.
 - d. Jewish commentaries explained that honor is to raise the status of someone. It is to acknowledge who they are and respond accordingly. But it is also to be very careful not to do anything to cause disgrace, or for one to be degraded in their own eyes or others. Do nothing to offend.
 - e. God cannot be degraded in His own eyes, but we can leave others with a lower opinion of Him.

D. HOW DO WE HONOR GOD?

1. Romans 13:7—Give honor to whom honor is due.
2. A person of honor is a person of integrity.
 - a. We are to reflect God and His character.
 - b. God keeps His Word (Numbers 23:19; Psalm 89:34).
 - c. Don't develop a pattern of not keeping your word.
3. "The goal is not only to have an honor for God, but to be a person of honor and integrity." —Pastor Terri
4. Revelation 4:9-11 (NKJV): "Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: 'You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.'"
 - a. He is worthy of honor. We give Him all glory.
 - b. Notice: Honor is a response to His worthiness.
 - c. They cast down their crowns, humbling themselves.
5. Proverbs 18:12 (NIV): "Humility comes before honor."
 - a. We must humble ourselves before we can receive or give honor.
 - b. "Humility is just recognizing the truth." —Keith Moore
 - c. "I asked some students what humility was. One girl's response was, 'Humility is not putting yourself down. Humility is putting yourself aside.'" —Pastor George
 - d. Humility doesn't put yourself down; it lifts others higher.
 - e. You honor others in conversation by listening and being interested in their lives.
6. How do we show honor? Jesus summed it up: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15, *ESV*).
 - a. Luke 6:46 (NIV): "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

- b. Obedience
 - c. We honor God when we obey Him.
 - d. A quick response shows honor. Don't delay.
 - e. There are consequences to dishonor.
 - i. When you dishonor God, you cut Him off; He is your Answer.
 - ii. When you dishonor people, you cut off opportunities to minister to them. They don't want to hear from you.
 - f. In our society, we tend to determine for ourselves what God says.
7. We have to go to the Word and learn God's ways.
 - a. We honor God by finding out what He says and doing it.
 - b. It's much like showing honor to parents or elders. The Bible ties them together.
 - c. Rabbis teach us the first five commandments are between God and man. The fifth is to honor parents. That is honoring God, because we are a product of God and parents together—a threefold cord.
 - d. One of the greatest dishonoring of parents is to show little or no interest in them.
 8. We determine from our hearts that we are interested in the things of God.
 9. We give His Word preeminence.
 - a. We respond to it.
 - b. Not just in commandments, but looking for what He likes, how He acts
 - c. He says, "Stand up when an elder enters the room"—so stand up (Leviticus 19:32).
 - d. In other words, acknowledge and respond.
 10. Respond to the Word!
 11. Respond to the anointing.
 12. Don't argue, don't delay and don't forget!
 13. Find out what God likes.

- a. He told Moses what He liked and how to best make a welcoming environment for His presence.
 - i. In colors, design, *clothes*
 - (a). He likes modesty.
- 14. “Excellence in ministry includes honoring God and honoring each other.” —Pastor George
- 15. Honor is not casual.
 - a. It’s not: “Take it or leave it.”
 - b. If you treat people casually, they’ll treat you casually.
 - c. “If nothing is ever special, then nothing is ever special.” —Mark Hankins
 - d. Honor is not sloppy in appearance or performance.
 - i. At a music recording session with Brother Cope-land, a guitarist said, “That’s good enough for gospel.”
 - ii. Nothing is too good for God; that musician was not hired again.
- 16. 2 Timothy 2:21 (AMPC): “So whoever cleanses himself [from what is ignoble and unclean, who separates himself from contact with contaminating and corrupting influences] will [then himself] be a vessel set apart and useful for honorable and noble purposes, consecrated and profitable to the Master, fit and ready for any good work.”
- 17. Don’t interrupt. Learn to listen and follow.
 - a. The Word
 - b. The Spirit
 - c. Leaders
- 18. Honor with your substance.
 - a. Proverbs 3:9-10 (NKJV): “Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns (your storehouses) will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.”
 - i. This verse shows us what happens when we honor God. He honors us!

- ii. He responds with His blessing in every area of our lives.
 - iii. Best of all—He responds with Himself, with His glory.
 - b. Mark 12:30 (NKJV): “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.”
 - i. Loving God with all your strength means with all your ability.
19. God always responds to honor with honor.
- a. Whenever we honor God, it makes a place for Him to move.
 - b. 1 Samuel 2:30 (NKJV): “Those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.”
20. Honor is a perceived value. It can and must be taught, but it comes from the heart to be honorable. We must seek to know more about honor and to be more proficient in showing it.
21. If we have core values 1-6 embedded in our spirit and thinking, we will easily live a life that truly honors God.

"...but now the Lord saith...for them that honour me I will honour."

1 SAMUEL 2:30



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I am now reborn! I am a Christian—a child of Almighty God! I am saved! You also said in Your Word, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: HOW MUCH MORE shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13). I'm also asking You to fill me with the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, rise up within me as I praise God. I fully expect to speak with other tongues as You give me the utterance (Acts 2:4). In Jesus' Name. Amen!

Begin to praise God for filling you with the Holy Spirit. Speak those words and syllables you receive—not in your own language, but the language given to you by the Holy Spirit. You have to use your own voice. God will not force you to speak. Don't be concerned with how it sounds. It is a heavenly language!

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