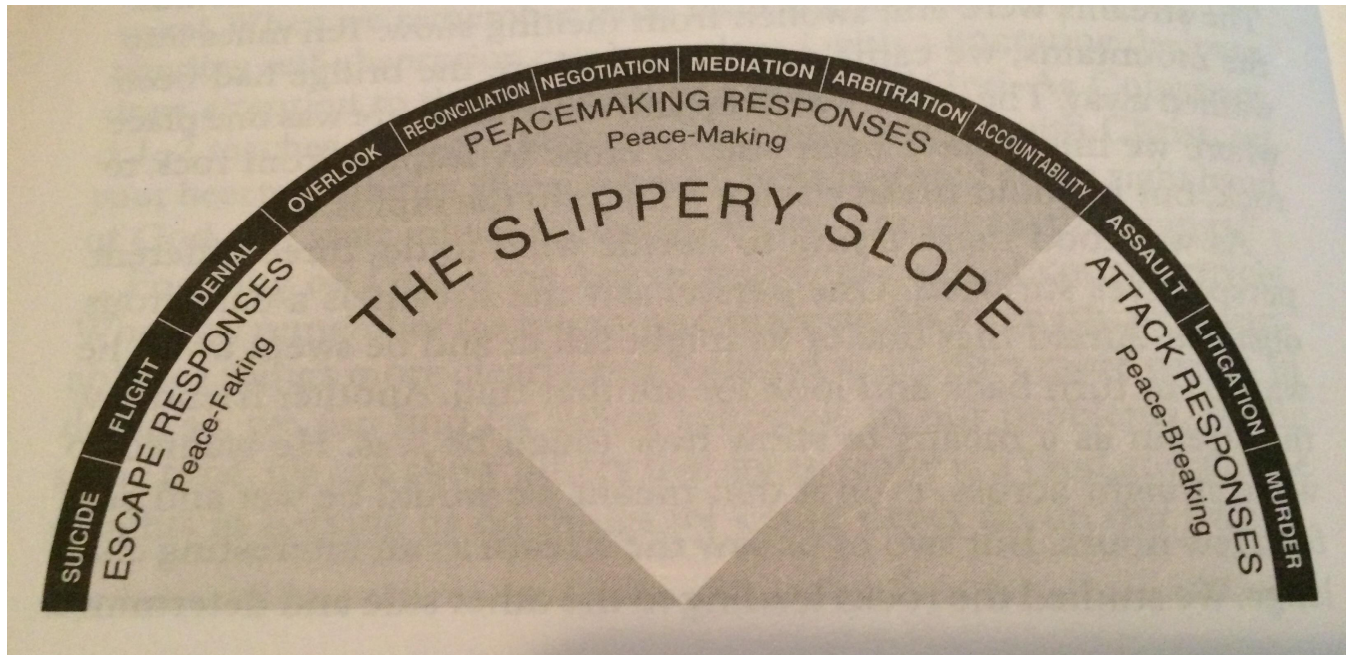


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Part 1 Glorify God: Ch 1 Conflict provides opportunities;

I. The slippery slope of conflict p.22



A. Escape responses Peace-Faking; avoiding conflict rather than resolving it; focus on me; (KYRG) Kiss Your Relationship Goodbye p.23

1. Denial Genesis 16: ¹Now Sarai, Abram's wife had borne him no children, and she had an Egyptian maid whose name was Hagar. ² So Sarai said to Abram, "Now behold, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Please go in to my maid; perhaps I will obtain children through her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. ³ After Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Abram's wife Sarai took Hagar the Egyptian, her maid, and gave her to her husband Abram as his wife. ⁴ He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her sight. ⁵ And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done me be upon you. I gave my maid into your arms, but when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her sight. May the LORD judge between you and me." ⁶ But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your maid is in your power; do to her what is good in your sight." So Sarai treated her harshly, and she fled from her presence.

1 Samuel 2: ²² Now Eli was very old; and he heard all that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who served at the doorway of the tent of meeting. ²³ He said to them, "Why do you do such things, the evil things that I hear from all these people? ²⁴ No, my sons; for the report is not good which I hear the LORD'S people circulating. ²⁵ If one man sins against another, God will mediate for him; but if a man sins against the LORD, who can intercede for him?" But

they would not listen to the voice of their father, for the LORD desired to put them to death. (The boys were in denial)

2. Flight Genesis 16: ⁶ But Abram said to Sarai, “Behold, your maid is in your power; do to her what is good in your sight.” So Sarai treated her harshly, and she fled from her presence. ⁷ Now the angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. ⁸ He said, “Hagar, Sarai’s maid, where have you come from and where are you going?” And she said, “I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai.” ⁹ Then the angel of the LORD said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority.” ¹⁰ Moreover, the angel of the LORD said to her, “I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count.”

1 Samuel 19: ⁹ Now there was an evil spirit from the LORD on Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand, and David was playing the harp with his hand. ¹⁰ Saul tried to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away out of Saul’s presence, so that he stuck the spear into the wall. And David fled and escaped that night. [example of time for flight]

3. Suicide 1 Samuel 31: ⁴ Then Saul said to his armor bearer, “Draw your sword and pierce me through with it, otherwise these uncircumcised will come and pierce me through and make sport of me.” But his armor bearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. So Saul took his sword and fell on it. [See link for Homicide-Suicide data- <http://www.worldlifeexpectancy.com/usa-homicide-vs-suicide>; In 2014 in USA 16,108 Homicides & 41,143 Suicides. 2.6 Suicides for each Homicide]

B. Attack Responses Peace-Breaking; more interested in winning a conflict than in preserving a relationship; focus on you; KYRG p.24

1. Assault Acts 6: ⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ But some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, including both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and argued with Stephen. ¹⁰ But they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. ¹¹ Then they secretly induced men to say, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God.” ¹² And they stirred up the people, the elders and the scribes, and they came up to him and dragged him away and brought him before the Council. ¹³ They put forward false witnesses who said, “This man incessantly speaks against this holy place and the Law; ¹⁴ for we have heard him say that this Nazarene, Jesus, will destroy this place and alter the customs which Moses handed down to us.” ¹⁵ And fixing their gaze on him, all who were sitting in the Council saw his face like the face of an angel.

2. Litigation: Acts 24:1-26:32

Romans 13: ¹Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. ²Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. ³For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; ⁴for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. ⁵Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake.

1 Corinthians 6: ¹Does any one of you, when he has a case against his neighbor, dare to go to law before the unrighteous and not before the saints? ²Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? If the world is judged by you, are you not competent to constitute the smallest law courts? ³Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more matters of this life? ⁴So if you have law courts dealing with matters of this life, do you appoint them as judges who are of no account in the church? ⁵I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not among you one wise man who will be able to decide between his brethren, ⁶but brother goes to law with brother, and that before unbelievers? ⁷Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded? ⁸On the contrary, you yourselves wrong and defraud. You do this even to your brethren.

Matthew 5: ²⁵Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, so that your opponent may not hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I say to you, you will not come out of there until you have paid up the last cent.

3. Murder Acts 7: ⁵⁴Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they began gnashing their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; ⁵⁶and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse. ⁵⁸When they had driven him out of the city, they began stoning him; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹They went on stoning Stephen as he called on the Lord and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" ⁶⁰Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" Having said this, he fell asleep.

Matthew 5: ²¹"You have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.' ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court;...

1 John 3: ¹⁵Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer;...

C. Peacemaking responses *Peace-Making; commanded by God, empowered by the gospel and directed toward finding just and mutually agreeable solutions in a conflict; focus on us*

CA. Personal peacemaking p. 25

1. Overlook an offense Proverbs 19: ¹¹ *A man's discretion makes him slow to anger, And it is his glory to overlook a transgression.* **12:** ¹⁶ *A fool's anger is known at once, But a prudent man conceals dishonor.* **17:** ¹⁴ *The beginning of strife is like letting out water, So abandon the quarrel before it breaks out.* **Colossians 3:** ¹³ *bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.* **1 Peter 4:** ⁸ *Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.* **Matthew 6:** ¹⁴ *For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.* ¹⁵ *But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.*

2. Reconciliation Matthew 5: ²³ *[if] your brother has something against you,* ²⁴ *... be reconciled to your brother,* **Proverbs 28:** ¹³ *He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.* **Galatians 6:** ¹ *Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.* **Matthew 18:** ¹⁵ *"If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.* **Colossians 3:** ¹³ *as the Lord forgave you, so also should you* **John 17:** ²² *The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one;* ²³ *I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.*

3. Negotiation Philippians 2: ⁴ *do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.*

CB. Assisted peacemaking p.26

1. Mediation Matthew 18: ¹⁶ *But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.*

2. Arbitration 1 Corinthians 6:1-8 [see I.B.2]

3. Accountability Matthew 18: ¹⁵ *"If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.* ¹⁶ *But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.* ¹⁷ *If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.*

II. Interesting Trends on the Slope p.27 [1]Left to right-Private to public & voluntary to forced; [2] Extreme responses to conflict result in greater loss; [3] both extremes result in death

III. A Biblical View of conflict p.29 defining conflict--a difference in opinion or purpose that frustrates someone's goals or desires.

Four primary causes of conflict

A. Poor communications Joshua 22:10-34 Tribes east of Jordan built an Altar [see map next page].

B. Differences in values, goals, gifts, calling, priorities, expectations, interests, or opinions

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 ¹² For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ For the body is not one member, but many.;

Acts 15: ³⁹ And there occurred such a sharp disagreement that they separated from one another, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus.

C. Competition over limited resources Genesis 13:1-12 Abram and Lot split.

D. Sinful attitudes and habits

James 4: *What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? ² You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.*

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IV. Glorify God p.31

A. You can trust God Acts 16:22-31 Paul & Silas in prison after beating;
Proverbs 3: ⁵ *Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.* ⁶ *In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.* ⁷ *Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.*

B. You can obey God P. 32 Learn His ways & obey His commands

Matthew 5: ¹⁶ *Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. ;*

John 17: ⁴ *I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.*

Philippines 1: ⁹ *And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ*

disciples

John 15:8 *My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples,*

Love Jesus & keep His commandments John 5:3; ³ *For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.*

Love one another John 14:15-31 in book

2 John 5-6 ⁵ *Now I ask you, lady, not as though I were writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another. ⁶ And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.;*

1 John 5: 1 *Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and every one who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.*

C. You can imitate God P.33

Ephesians 5: ¹ *Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; ² and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.;*

1 John 2: ⁶ *the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.;*

Ephesians 4: ¹ *Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, ³ being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.;*

Philippines 1: ⁹ *And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; ¹¹ having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.;*

1 Peter 2: ¹² *Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

D. You can acknowledge God P.33 Tell people it is God working in you.

Philippines 2: ¹³ *for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.;*

1 Peter 3: ¹⁴ *But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED,* ¹⁵ *but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;* ¹⁶ *and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.*

[3 Hebrew boys in furnace Daniel 3:1-30; Daniel in lion's den 6:1-28; Apostles imprisoned & released & kept preaching Jesus Acts 5:17-42; Stephen martyred for his preaching Jesus 6:8-7:60] (in book--Matthew 22:37; John 21:19; Psalms 37:31; John 5:30; John 8:29; John 17:4; Psalm 19:14)

V. Serve others p.34

A. Breathe in God's grace & then breath out His love, mercy, forgiveness and wisdom--Luke 6: ²⁷ *“But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Luke 6:* ³⁶ *Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

B. God may use you to help an opponent understand his interests and find better solutions--Philippines 2: ³ *Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;* ⁴ *do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.*

C. The Lord may give you an opportunity to carry your opponents burdens--Galatians 6: ² *Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. ⁹ Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. ¹⁰ So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.*

Romans 12: ¹⁹ *Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,” says the Lord. ²⁰ “BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

D. The Lord may use you to help others learn where they have been wrong and need to change-- Galatians 6: ¹ *Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. P.36*

E. Conflict may provide an opportunity to encourage others to trust in Jesus Christ-- 1 Peter 3: ¹⁵ *but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;* ¹⁶ *and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.*

F. Serving in the midst of conflict is a powerful way to teach and encourage others by your example--1 Corinthians 4: ¹² *and we toil, working with our own hands; when we are reviled, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure; ¹³ when we are slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, even until now. ¹⁶ Therefore I exhort you, be imitators of me.*

1 Timothy 4: ¹² *Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.*

Titus 2: ⁶ *Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; ⁷ in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, ⁸ sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.*

VI. Grow to be like Christ p. 36

1 Corinthians 11: ¹ *Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.*

Romans 8: ²⁸ *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;*

2 Corinthians 3: ¹⁸ *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.*

2 Corinthians 12: ⁷ *Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! ⁸ Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. ⁹ And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.*

Luke 22: ⁴¹ *And He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, ⁴² saying, “Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.” ⁴³ Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴ And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground. ⁴⁵ When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow,*

Psalms 119: ⁶⁷ *Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word.*

VII. The Four G's of Peacemaking pages 38 and 12-13

Glorify God: How can I please and honor God in this situation?

1 Corinthians 10: ³¹ *Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

Get the log out of your own eye: How can I show Jesus' work in me by taking responsibility for my contribution to this conflict? **Matthew 7:** ⁵ *You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.*

Gently restore: How can I serve others by helping them take responsibility for their contribution to this conflict? **Galatians 6:** ¹ *Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.*

Go and be reconciled: How can I demonstrate the forgiveness of God and encourage a reasonable solution to this conflict? **Matthew 5:** ²⁴ *leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.*

VIII Stewarding Conflict- character traits needed to manage conflict productively p.38 Luke 12:42, John 12:24-26

A. Motivated P.39 Matthew 5: ⁹ *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Romans 12:* ¹⁸ *If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.*

B. Informed

1. Understand God's will-- Luke 12: ⁴⁷ *And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many lashes,*

2. Detailed & practical instructions provided-- 2 Timothy 3: ¹⁶ *All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;* ¹⁷ *so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

3. Wisdom --Deuteronomy 29: ²⁹ *"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.*

C. Strengthened P.39-40

2 Chronicles 16: ^{9a} *For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.*

1 Corinthians 10: ¹³ *No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are*

able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 2: ⁹ but just as it is written, “THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.” ¹⁰ For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, ¹³ which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. ¹⁴ But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. ¹⁵ But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. ¹⁶ For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ. **3:** ¹ And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh [carnal], as to infants in Christ. ² I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, ³ for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

Galatians 5: ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ^{23a} gentleness, self-control;

Ephesians 3: ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, ²¹ to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

2 Timothy 1: ⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. **NKJV**

1 Peter 4: ¹⁰ As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹ Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

D. Dependent -- seek help P.40

Proverbs 12: ¹⁵ *The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.* **Proverbs 15:** ²² *Without consultation, plans are frustrated, But with many counselors they succeed.*

1 Thessalonians 5: ⁹ *For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.*

Hebrews 10: ²⁴ *and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*

2 Timothy 4: ³ *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*

E. Faithful 1 Corinthians 4: ² *In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.*

Romans 12: ¹⁸ *If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men*

Matthew 25: ^{21a} *His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave.*

IX. Summary and Application P.40-41

Micah 6: ⁸ *He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?*

Matthew 23: ²³ *“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.*