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We are living in the land of the dying. Everywhere we look, we see reminders of death. We look at nature and see plants, trees, and animals that die. We look in the news and see that famous people die. We look at the funeral homes and see that they are kept busy by local deaths. We look at our family members and friends and see that some have died and the others are dying. Then, we look in the mirror and see that we are slowly dying.

So, when we recognize these truths, we should start to look beyond the land of the dying. We need to consider whether there is anything beyond this land of the dying or whether the brief time that we all have in this land is *it*. And, as we discover that each person who lives in this land has a spiritual existence that will continue after physical death for eternity in either a place called Heaven or Hell, we should want to learn about those places.

When we consider that some will spend eternity tormented in Hell and others will spend eternity comforted in Heaven, we must consider that how we each live in the land of the dying matters. Therefore, we must consider some guiding truths for living in the land of the dying. Following these truths will result in eternal life in Heaven.

Make no mistake about it: You are living in the land of the dying. The only question is: *How* are you going to live in this land? Are you going to get wrapped up in the pleasures and treasures this land has to offer or are you going to recognize that they are only temporary and seek something that is far

better? Therefore, let's consider the realities of living in the land of the dying so that we will look with anticipation beyond this land and live in a way that will result in eternal life in Heaven.

We Are Living In The Land Of The Dying

Although it is a hard reality to accept, it is the reality: We are living in the land of the dying. Everything around us is only here for just a short time. Even our own lives are only given to us in this land for but a few moments. So, we need to consider this reality and consider that living in the land of the dying is *not* about physical things.

The Bible teaches us about the certainty death

As we look around and observe everything that is changing and passing away, there is only one physical thing that we have that lasts forever. That is the word of God! 1 Peter 1:23-25 describes some people as “having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, because ‘All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, But the word of the Lord endures forever.’”

God has spoken to mankind. And, His words have been written down in the pages of the Bible. Although there is nothing else that we can touch and see that will exist for all eternity, God's word will survive the land of the dying. No, this is *not* because the physical Bibles will be preserved, but because the Lord knows the words He has spoken.

As the Bible proves itself to be completely true on every point, it is important to recognize what it teaches about the certainty of physical death. For instance, Hebrews 9:27 says, “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.” Yes, there is an appointment for you to exit the land of the dying. But, you just do not know *when* this time is.

Not only does the Bible directly state this to be true, but it also demonstrates this to be so by numerous examples in the pages of the Scriptures. From the early time in Genesis 5:5, when we read of the first man dying, we read about many people who have went the way of all the earth – no matter what their lots in life were (i.e. whether rich or poor, whether king or peasant, whether Jew or Gentile, whether male or female, whether Christian or unbeliever).

For instance, in Joshua 23:14, Joshua said, “Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed.” Then, in 1 Kings 2:2, the great King David told his son, Solomon, “I go the way of all the earth; be strong, therefore, and prove yourself a man.”

Death is coming soon

Just like these, we will also all go the way of all the earth. And, as we live in the land of the dying, we need to recognize that our lives do not last very long. The Psalmist said, “The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away” (Psalm 90:10). This is a reasonable expectation for life in the land of the dying. However, there are many whose lives never reach this age, as well as some whose lives extend beyond this.

The Psalmist continued by saying, “So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:12). We must recognize that our days are numbered and that our lives will reach that full number very soon. Therefore, we must live our lives in the land of the dying with wisdom, recognizing that the end of those days will soon come.

James said, “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit’; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

Instead you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.’ But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil” (James 4:13-16).

If we are not careful, we can become guilty of making future plans in the land of the dying without considering that we may not be part of it any longer! Our earthly lives are very delicate and there is no guarantee that we will draw another breath. For, our lives are like vapors of water. They exist on this earth for just a moment and soon vanish away.

Although it may seem like the 60, 70, 80, 90, and even 100 years that people live on this earth is a significant amount of time, it is actually very short. Not only is it short compared to the amount of years people have been living on this earth, but it is extremely short compared to eternity. So, no matter how old you are right now, you must recognize that death is coming soon.

Physical things will not last

It is sad, then, to see people put so much focus on getting earthly treasures and pursuing earthly pleasures that will not last. For, whenever we no longer have a part in the land of the dying, we will no longer be able to enjoy any of those things. 1 Timothy 6:7 says, “For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.”

Jesus illustrated this truth in Luke 12:16-21. Listen to the story He told to a man who was focused on accumulating the physical things of life. “Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: ‘The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, “What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?” So he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.’” But God said to him, “Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?” So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.’”

This man counted on living in the land of the dying. His focus was *only* on preparing for his

physical life. So, he built bigger barns to store all his crops. He planned to just take it easy and enjoy life. Yet, he was a fool because he did not number his days! He made no preparations for exiting the land of the dying. Then, whenever he died, he lost everything that he had worked for.

So, as we live in the land of the dying, we must recognize that none of the *physical* things we work for will matter on the day of our deaths. It won't matter how famous or popular we are. It won't matter how much is in our bank accounts. It won't matter how big our retirements are. It won't matter how many places we've been and sights we've seen. It won't matter how much education we've received. It won't matter how many people love us on this earth. It won't matter how much fun we've had. All these things will now be over. And, if this is what we have focused on during our earthly lives, we will have lived foolish lives!

Looking Beyond The Land Of The Dying

It can be difficult for us to look beyond the things that we can see and feel right *now*. Yet, we have reminders of death all around us that encourage us to look beyond this land of the dying. And, as we look into God's word, we see that there is something waiting for each one of us. Therefore, we need to seriously consider what God tells us about these things.

The Bible tells us about what is waiting for us

Ecclesiastes 7:2 says, "Better to go to the house of mourning Than to go to the house of feasting, For that is the end of all men; And the living will take it to heart." God wants us to observe all of the reminders that we are living in the land of the dying. He says that going to the funeral home to mourn is better than going to a friend's house for a party. The reason why is so that the living will take it to heart that they are dying! But, it is not just

important to recognize that we are all dying. It is also important to recognize what is coming after death.

Fortunately, the Bible gives us all of the answers we need. In fact, it is the *only* place we can get the answers about what will happen after death. Therefore, it is essential for us to recognize that our existence is *not* merely a physical one. Instead, the Bible teaches that we are all dual-natured beings. Consider 2 Corinthians 5:1-8.

Paul says, "For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (verse 1). The earthly "tent" the apostle Paul refers to is this earthly body. It is no more than a temporary dwelling place for the soul. The soul is how we have been created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). And, the Bible teaches that this soul will continue to exist after we experience physical death.

For instance, the apostle Paul continues and says that "while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord" (verse 6). But, said that they were "well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord" (verse 8). Now, the only way that we could be absent from the body (this earthly tent) and still exist is if we have a spiritual existence that survives this physical life.

In fact, James 2:26 says, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." So, physical death is experienced whenever the spirit departs from the physical body. At this time, the Bible teaches that the soul goes to a temporary waiting place called "Hades." This is what Jesus taught in Luke 16:19-31. On this occasion, two men experienced physical death and found themselves in the Hadean realm. However, there are two sections of Hades and one man was comforted while the other man was tormented.

So, given this reality, listen to what Jesus says in Matthew 6:19-21. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

All the physical treasures and pleasures will end. They can rust, be moth-eaten, be stolen, etc. Certainly, they will all end at death. But, if you focus your earthly life on the things of God, you will store up spiritual treasures in Heaven that can never be taken away from you and that will survive this physical life!

There is a Judgment Day coming

Let's go back to 2 Corinthians 5, as we consider what will happen beyond the land of the dying. The apostle Paul said that since there is a spiritual existence, "we make it our aim, whether present or absent [from the Lord], to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (verses 9-10).

The Bible promises that there is a Day coming on which Jesus Christ will return and all the people who have ever lived on this earth will be gathered before Him in judgment (see Matthew 25). Although we know neither "the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming" (Matthew 25:13), we are assured that He is (see 2 Peter 3:10). Then, listen to the scene that is described in Matthew 25:31-33.

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left."

Nobody will escape this Judgment Day. And, everything that every person has ever done in the land of the dying will be judged either to have been good or bad. Hebrews 4:13 says, "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." So, God is carefully watching everything that people do during their earthly lives and it will all be subject to God's perfect Judgment.

The standard by which God will declare something to be either good or bad is His word (which endures forever). Revelation 20:12 says that

on this Judgment Day, the dead will be "judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books." These are the books containing God's word (the 66 books that we have been given in the Bible). Likewise, Jesus said, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him – the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

Based on this judgment, every person will spend eternity in one of two possible places. In Matthew 25, Jesus said that those on the right hand will be invited, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (verse 34). But, those on the left hand will be told, "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (verse 41). So, "these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (verse 46).

Two possible eternities

Those who lived their earthly lives according to the word of God will be welcomed to spend eternity with God in Heaven. This is a place that is described in Revelation 21 and 22 as being beautiful beyond all human comprehension. Revelation 21:4 says that, in this place, "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying" because the former things will have passed away. Revelation 21:27 says that there will be nothing evil in this place. And, Revelation 21:22-22:5 helps us to appreciate that God will be in this place and provide for everyone living there.

But, those who die while they are living in sin (contrary to the word of God) will be sentenced to eternal punishment in Hell. Revelation 21:8 describes this place as "the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." Mark 9:43-44 further describes Hell as a place in which "the fire...shall never be quenched – where 'Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.'"

Now, these are the only two possible eternities that are available for you to honestly consider while you live in the land of the dying. And, since the way that you live your life on this earth will determine where you will spend your eternity, you

must carefully consider which of two paths you want to walk while you live your life on earth. Jesus said, “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matthew 7:13-14).

Guiding Truths For Living In The Land Of The Dying

As you look beyond the land of the dying and see that how you choose to live your earthly life really matters, you should choose to live in such a way that Heaven will be your eternal home. The way you do that, of course, is by living in faithful obedience to God’s word. So, let’s consider some truths that are revealed in the Bible that should guide you while you live in land of the dying.

The Bible makes you “complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work”

Just as there is no way for you to know anything about what lies beyond the land of the dying without God’s word, there is no way for you to know anything about how to go to Heaven without God’s word. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

The words in the pages of the Bible come from God. They are literally breathed out by God. Therefore, God’s word tells you all the doctrine that you must believe. It helps you identify every area in your life that must be changed. It gives you all the warnings that you need to know. It tells you all about the ways in which God wants you to live. Therefore, if you follow exactly what it says, it will make you perfect in God’s sight and you will be able to accomplish every good work God wants you to be doing – and you will spend eternity in Heaven!

“Remember now your Creator”

There is evidence for the existence of God all around you while you live in the land of the dying. If you do not believe in God, it is either because you have ignored the evidence, chosen not to believe in Him, or have been trained not to believe in Him. Everything that is around you in this world makes it plainly known that there is an all-powerful God who is the Creator! So, you must simply choose to remember Him. Ecclesiastes 12:1 says, “Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, ‘I have no pleasure in them.’”

Although this verse is especially directed toward young people, all people need to be reminded not to get so caught up in the things of this life so as to forget about their Creator. We all must remember Him in everything we do. In every decision you make, in every thought you think, in every word you say, and in everything you do, you must remember that you have a Creator and must remember what He wants from you.

“Fear God and keep His commandments”

In the book of Ecclesiastes, the author (King Solomon) discusses his search for the true meaning of life and for happiness. So, he searched in all the “obvious” places. He tried earthly wealth. He tried earthly pleasures. He tried earthly relationships. He tried fame and popularity. But, he kept concluding that none of these things actually produce true happiness and they all fall short of the true meaning of life. The main reason for this conclusion was because physical death takes all these things away and makes them useless. So, in Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, he concluded his search by saying, “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.”

Solomon recognized many of the things we have been discussing throughout this lesson. Although I do not know what he understood about what happens to people after they die, he clearly recognized that people have souls that survive death, that there is a Judgment Day coming, and that how

we live our lives on earth impacts what will happen to us. So, considering all this, the true purpose of our lives in the land of the dying is to fear God and keep His commandments. Therefore, Solomon is warning you that if you are living in the land of the dying for any other purpose, you are wasting your life!

Jesus is “the way, the truth, and the life”

Sadly, we have all failed to live according to this purpose in our lives. For, we have all sinned against God by failing to keep His commandments (Romans 3:23). As a result, we all deserve to spend eternity in Hell, separated from God in spiritual death (Romans 6:23). And, because of our sin, we could never be saved by ourselves. The only way we could ever be saved is through Jesus Christ, who God sent to earth as the sacrifice for sin (John 3:16). Therefore, John 14:6 says, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”

The only way to the Father and living eternally in Heaven is through Jesus Christ. He left Heaven, came to earth, lived a sinless life, suffered at the hands of wicked men, and died to make the sacrifice necessary for your sins (and the sins of all people) to be forgiven. Then, because God raised Jesus from the dead, Jesus has provided the way for all people to be victorious over death!

“Be reconciled to God”

While Jesus has provided the way for everyone to be saved from the consequences of their sins, not everyone will be saved (remember that Jesus said most will be lost, in Matthew 7:13-14). So, there is something God requires you to do to be saved from the consequences of your sins through Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 says, “Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Though sin had separated you from God, you can be reconciled to Him through Jesus Christ. But, you must obey what the Bible tells you to do. His plan of salvation requires that you hear God's word

(Romans 10:17), believe in Jesus as the Son of God (John 8:24), repent of your sins (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38). Upon your baptism, you are reconciled to God and begin a new life in Christ Jesus.

“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness”

Here is the new focus of your life in Christ Jesus. Previously, you had focused on the physical pleasures and treasures of this life. Now, as a Christian, rather than focusing on the physical things of this life, you are focused on serving God most of all. Jesus said, “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33).

In context, Jesus has taught that it is essential to put your focus on Heavenly treasures that can never be taken away from you (Matthew 6:19-21) and has said that it is impossible to serve two masters (Matthew 6:24). Then, Jesus says that you must even seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness *before* you seek any of the physical necessities of life (i.e. food, drink, and clothing). He promises that if you will seek God absolutely first in your life, then He will make sure that you have everything you need while you live in the land of the dying! So, in every decision you make and action you take, you must seek God's will first.

“Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling”

As you walk through the land of the dying, you will have many decisions to make. Some of them will be far more difficult than others. Satan will try to get you *not* to seek God first in your life. He will try to convince you to put yourself, your family, your friends, your job, etc. first. He will try to get you wrapped up in the moments of this life so that you will forget about what is most important. So, it is crucial that you live according to God's word in Philippians 2:12. Paul encouraged some Christians, saying, “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much

more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”

You must “work out your own salvation.” Your salvation is *not* something that is going to come without a great deal of effort. Every decision is going to have to be carefully weighed out by considering whether the thing will please God and help you go to Heaven or if it will not please God and help condemn you to Hell. So, you must work out your own salvation “with fear and trembling.” Don’t ever think that Hell is not as horrible as it is. It is a place that is to be avoided at all costs!

“Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus”

As you carefully make these decisions while you live in the land of the dying, you must always remember that God’s word is what determines whether something is “right” or “wrong.” Something is *not* “right” because you feel like it is a good thing to do, because you have been taught to do it in that way, because someone has told you that it is right, or any other reason. Instead, God’s word demands, “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him” (Colossians 3:17).

Notice carefully that everything you do (in word or deed) is to be done “in the name of the Lord Jesus.” To do something in His name is to do it according to His authority. So, since He is Lord (Master) of all, you must listen to and obey Him in all things. And, since He has spoken to you today through His written word (the Bible), this means that you must have Bible authority for everything that you do in your life. You get Bible authority through a direct command/statement, an approved example, or a necessary inference in the Scriptures. Without one of these three, you cannot be sure that what you do is “right.”

“Be holy in all your conduct”

God is a holy God (Revelation 4:8). There is no amount of evil in God (1 John 1:5). Therefore, God has always demanded that the people who follow Him also be completely separated from evil and devoted to Him (holy). 1 Peter 1:15-16 says, “but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all

your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy.’”

God is not just interested in you becoming a Christian at some point in your life. Instead, He desires a lifetime commitment to live according to His ways. This necessarily involves separating yourself from all the things that are against His instructions. No amount of evil is permitted to remain in your life. Instead, you must be holy like God is holy, “in all your conduct.”

Be “crucified with Christ”

How much does God expect you to be committed to Him? One of the approved examples in Scripture of people who followed Jesus Christ is the apostle Paul. He was so committed to Christ that he willingly suffered severe persecution for the cause of Christ (i.e. being imprisoned, being beaten, being stoned, and being willing to die for Christ). He was not focused on enjoying things in the land of the dying, but on serving Jesus Christ and going to Heaven. He summarized his commitment to the Lord in Galatians 2:20. “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

The fact is this is *not* just the kind of commitment Paul chose to make to the Lord, but the kind of commitment God requires of everyone who desires to serve Him and go to Heaven. Just think about it for a moment. Jesus Christ gave Himself to be crucified so that you could go to Heaven. How could you possibly do anything less in return but to give yourself entirely to Him? This is exactly what Galatians 2:20 pictures. In being crucified with Christ, you give yourself to God completely. Your life in the land of the dying is no longer about your physical desires. Instead, it is all about serving, obeying, and glorifying God!

“Be faithful until death”

Here is how far your commitment to serving, obeying, and glorifying God must go. Revelation 2:10 records Jesus’ words to some Christians in Smyrna. “Do not fear any of those things which you

are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

Just as they were required to be faithful to God throughout their earthly lives, so are you! But, appreciate that this passage does not just speak of being faithful to God through the easy times. Instead, this passage speaks about being faithful to God whenever you are persecuted and even put to death because you follow Jesus Christ! No matter what you face in your life, you must choose to obey God and keep your focus on what lies beyond this land of the dying. Don’t allow some short-sighted pleasure or treasure to rob you of the crown of life God will give to those who have been faithful to Him!

“Now is the day of salvation”

As I have said before, it is easy to get caught up in this earthly life. Sometimes we forget that we are dying and we focus way too much on enjoying ourselves here. So, whenever someone comes along and warns you about the things that are awaiting you beyond this land of the dying and talks about the Bible truths that must guide your life through this land, it is easy to say, “Someday I’ll change my life and live for the Lord.” Yet, consider 2 Corinthians 6:2. “For He says: ‘In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.’ Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

You must recognize that the one breath you have just taken is the only breath that you are assured of. You are not guaranteed another year, another month, another week, another day, or even another minute. And, if your life is not right with God right now, *now* is the time to do something about it. Make whatever changes you must make in your life *right now* before you pass from the land of the dying. Whenever this happens, it will be too late to make any changes to your life. Right now is the time to make your life right with God and be reconciled to Him through Jesus Christ!

Conclusion

Right now, you are living in the land of the dying. Soon, you will die and no longer participate in this land of the dying. Instead, your soul will live on for all eternity. Those who live their lives for the Lord can look forward to this because they will spend eternity with God in Heaven. But, those who do not live their lives for the Lord should fear this because they will spend eternity separated from God and tormented in Hell. So, do not waste another moment in the land of the dying. Give your life to God today by believing and obeying Him so that you can live forever with God one day very soon!

Study Questions

What are some reminders that you are living in the land of the dying?

1. We Are Living In The Land Of The Dying

What does the Bible teach about the certainty of death?

How soon will you experience physical death?

How long will you be able to enjoy physical things?

2. Looking Beyond The Land Of The Dying

What does the Bible teach about an existence beyond physical death?

Explain how your earthly life will be judged.

J. Be “crucified with Christ”

What are the two possible eternities you can experience.

K. “Be faithful until death”

L. “Now is the day of salvation”

3. Guiding Truths For Living In The Land Of The Dying

Explain how you should apply the following Bible truths to your life.

A. The Bible makes you “complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work”

B. “Remember now your Creator”

C. “Fear God and keep His commandments”

D. Jesus is “the way, the truth, and the life”

E. “Be reconciled to God”

F. “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness”

G. “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling”

H. “Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus”

I. “Be holy in all your conduct”