

## Four More Practices of a Mature and Obedient Follower of Jesus

### 6. Selflessly \_\_\_\_\_ God's People

#### a. \_\_\_\_\_ work

Eph 4:11-16 And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ ...the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

#### b. One-\_\_\_\_\_ work

Gal 5:13-14 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

#### c. \_\_\_\_\_ work

Rom 12:6-8 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> or ministry, *let us use it* in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

### 7. Generously \_\_\_\_\_ to God's Work

2 Cor 9:7 So *let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

#### a. To support \_\_\_\_\_

Gal 6:6 Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

#### b. To assist the \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 3:17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

#### c. To send \_\_\_\_\_

Phil 4:15-17 Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. <sup>16</sup> For even in Thessalonica you sent *aid* once and again for my necessities. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.

#### d. To enable programs

#### e. To provide places to meet

### 8. Faithfully \_\_\_\_\_ God's Salvation Message

#### a. Clear on our \_\_\_\_\_

2 Cor 5:20 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.

#### b. Confident in our \_\_\_\_\_

Mt 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

#### c. Clear in our \_\_\_\_\_

John 3:16-18 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ...<sup>18</sup> "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already... (cf. 1 Cor 15:1-4)

#### d. Confirming in our \_\_\_\_\_

Mt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

### 9. Thoughtfully \_\_\_\_\_ What Is Eternal

#### a. To \_\_\_\_\_ according to God's plan

Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup> teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

#### b. To \_\_\_\_\_ on what matters

Col 3:1-2 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

#### c. To \_\_\_\_\_ what does not belong

Col 3:5-9 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. <sup>8</sup> But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

#### d. To appropriately \_\_\_\_\_ suffering for God's name

John 15:18-19 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. <sup>19</sup> "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

#### e. To \_\_\_\_\_ what detracts

Luke 8:14 Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

#### f. To invest on that which lasts \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that *is* in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. (cf. 1 John 3:1-3)