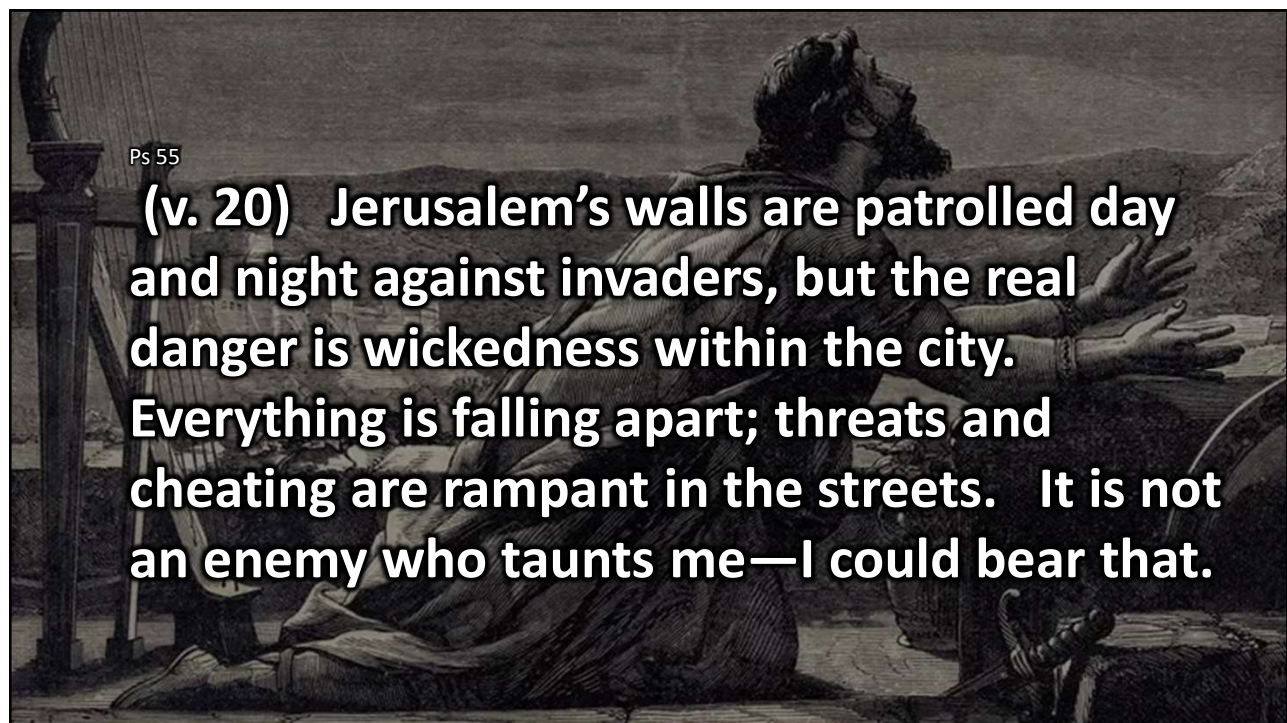
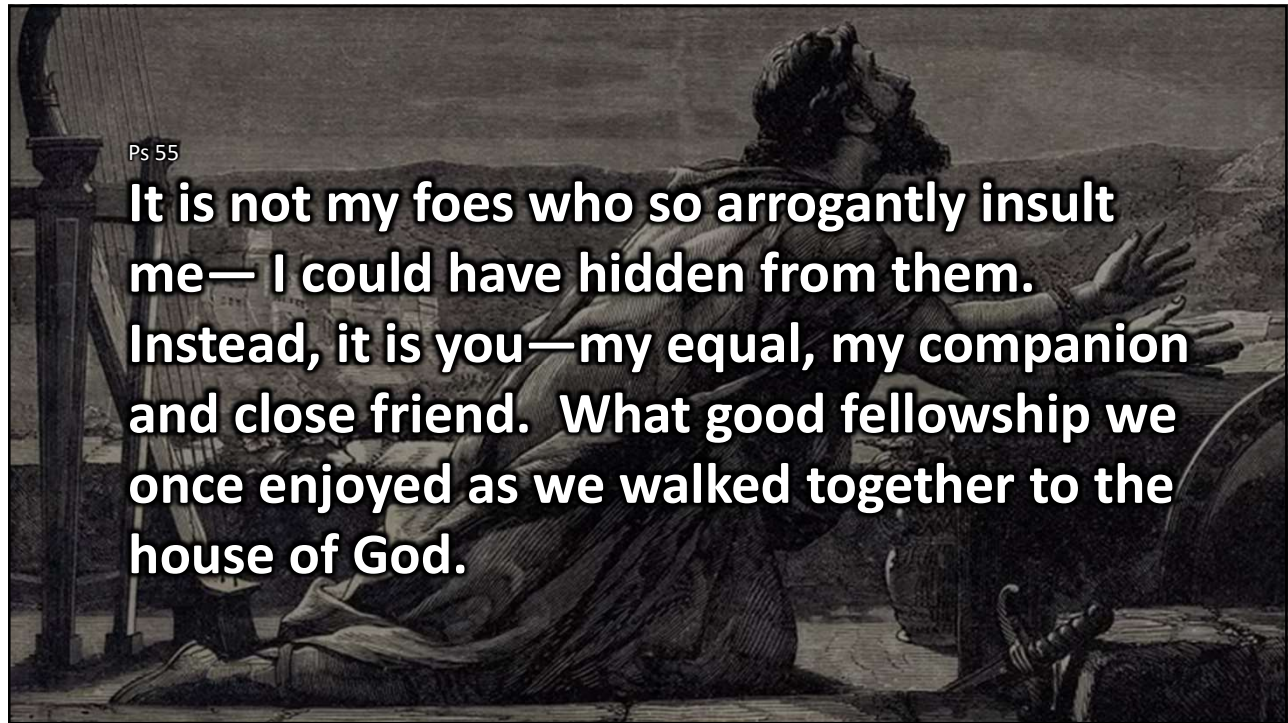




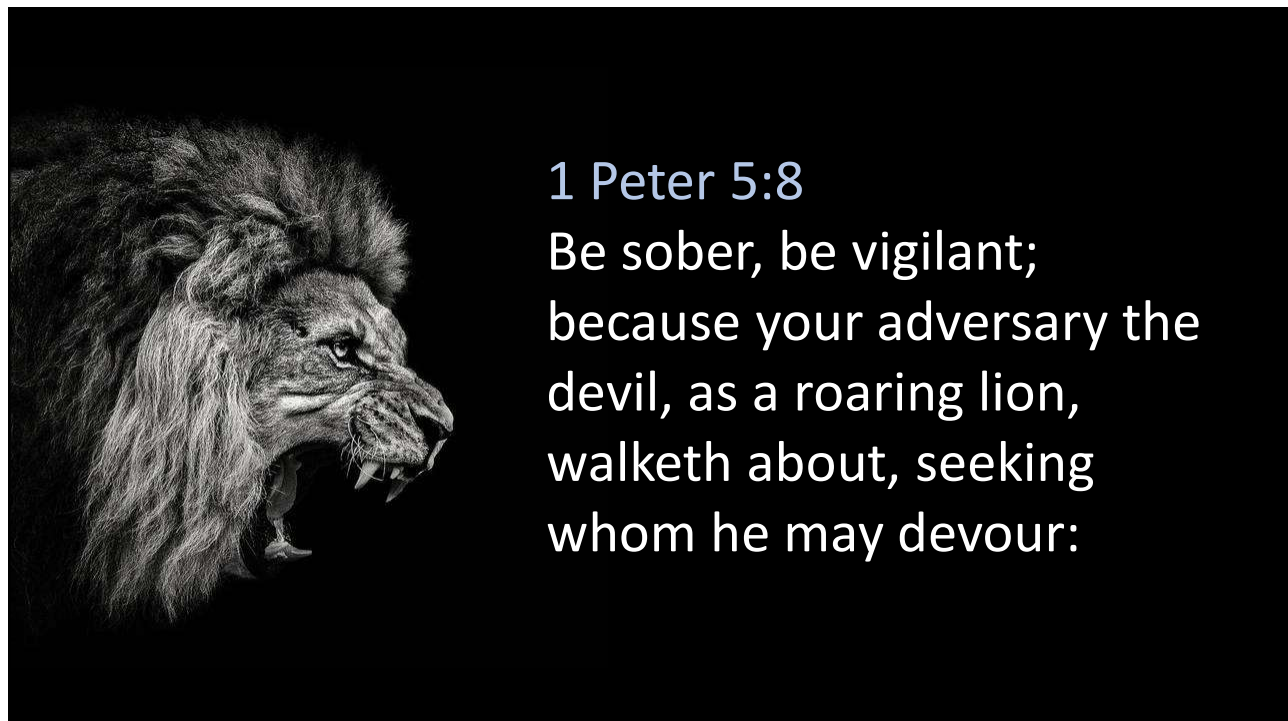
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(Acts 18:23—21:16; 27—28:16)

— Third missionary journey (c. A.D. 53-57)  
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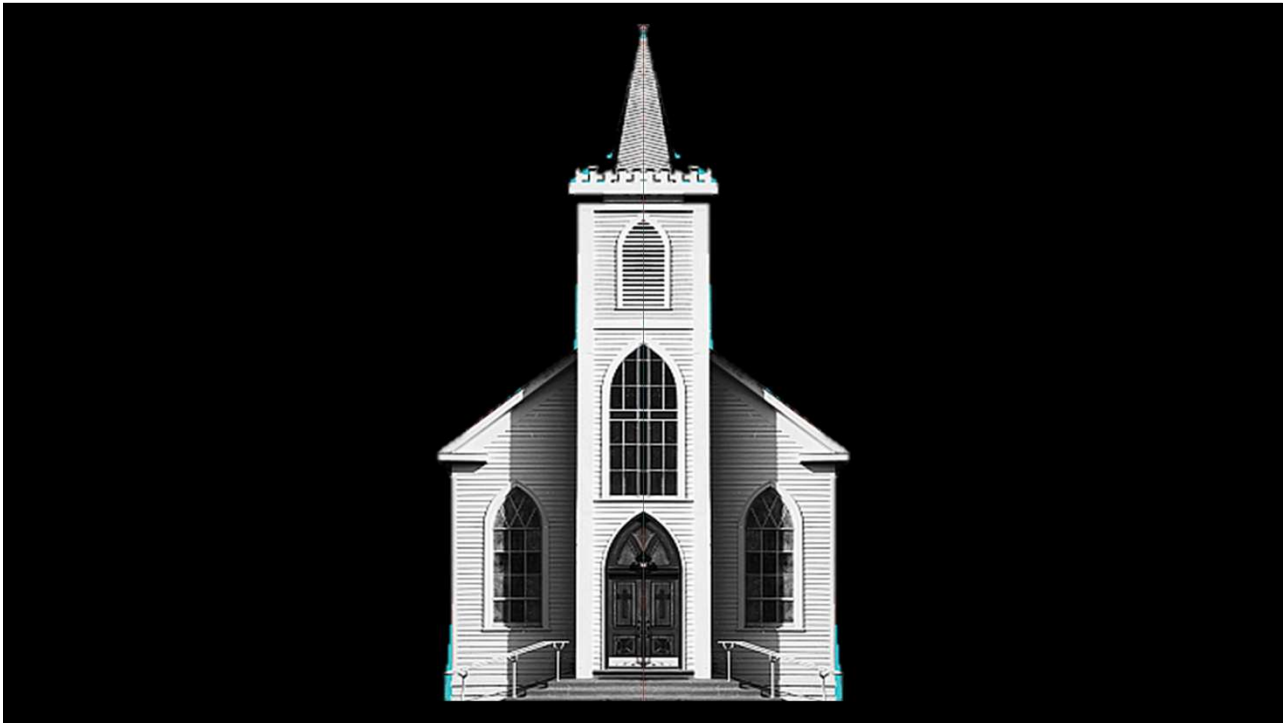


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- 1. We aren't changing the doctrine and mission and teaching of our church. Our name simply better reflects who we are.**
- 2. We have a lot of ministries in our church. Share and play well together.**
- 3. We have a diverse congregation.**

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## 1) Wear a smile to church

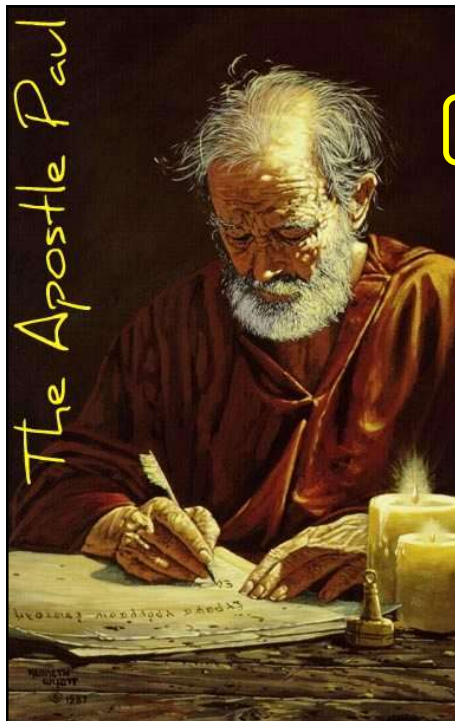
Phil 4:4

*Rejoice in the Lord  
always.*

*Again I say, rejoice!*



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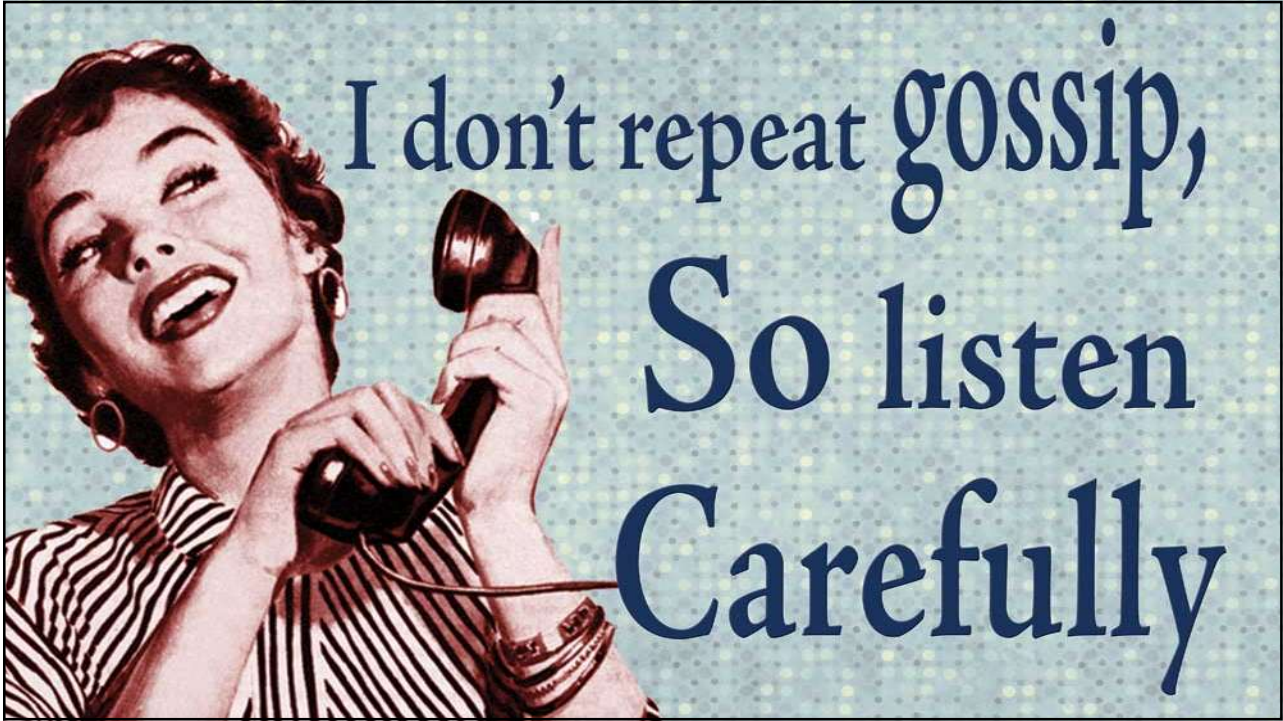


## 2. Demonstrate AGAPE

- Love is patient and kind.
- Love is not jealous, boastful or proud.
- Love does not misbehave.
- Love is not self seeking.
- Love is not easily angered.
- Love keeps no record of being wronged.
- Love does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.
- Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

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# 4. Take the initiative and Make Friends.

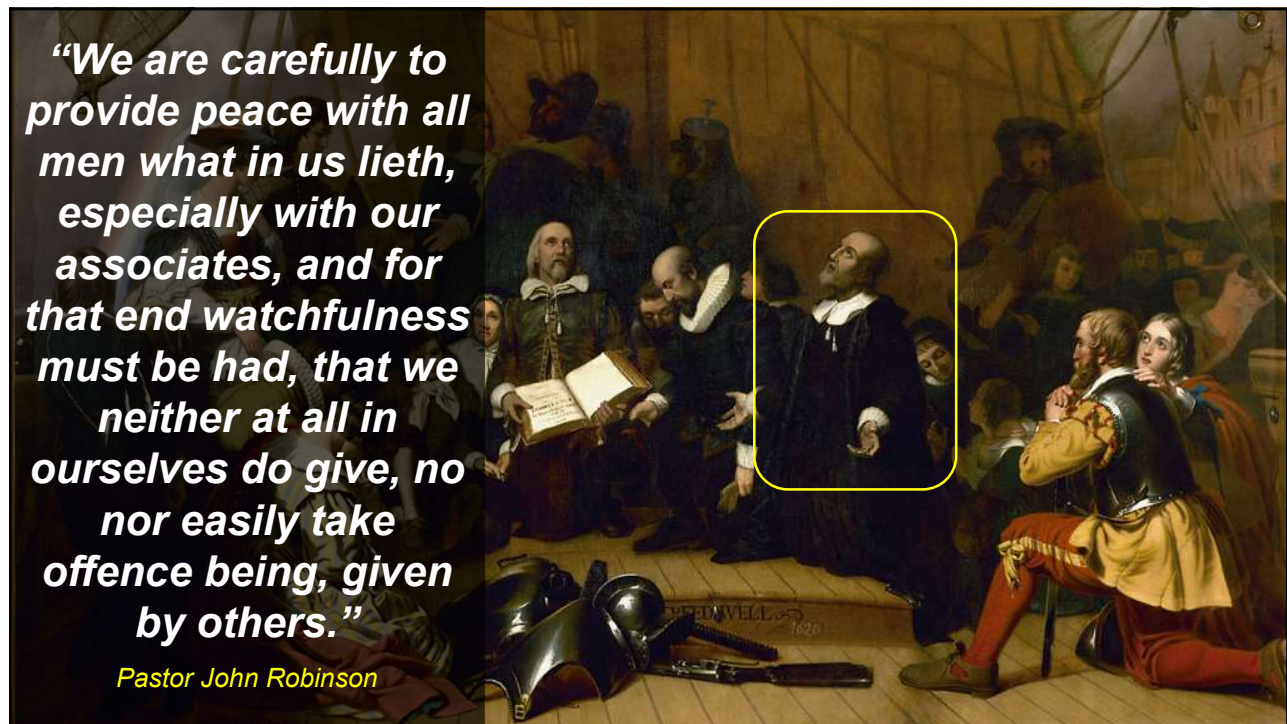
## The Guide to MAKING NEW FRIENDS

- 1 REALIZE YOUR FEAR IS IN YOUR HEAD**  
*(It's not as scary as you think!)*
- 2 START WITH PEOPLE YOU KNOW**  
*(Reach out to acquaintances; Join existing cliques; Meet friends' friends; Accept social invitations)*
- 3 GET YOURSELF OUT THERE**  
*(Join meet-up groups; Attend courses; Volunteer; Go to parties)*
- 4 TAKE THE FIRST STEP**  
*(Say hello - It's about being sociable!)*
- 5 BE OPEN**  
*(Don't judge. On an emotional level, open your heart.)*
- 6 GET TO KNOW THE PERSON**  
*(What does he/she do? What are his/her values? What are his/her passions? Goals? Dreams? What motivates/drives him/her?)*
- 7 CONNECT WITH GENUINITY**  
*(Warmth, love and respect build friendships)*
- 8 BE YOURSELF**  
*(Don't change yourself for anyone else)*
- 9 BE THERE FOR THEM**  
*(That's what friendships are about!)*
- 10 MAKE THE EFFORT TO STAY IN TOUCH**  
*(Takes two hands to clap!)*

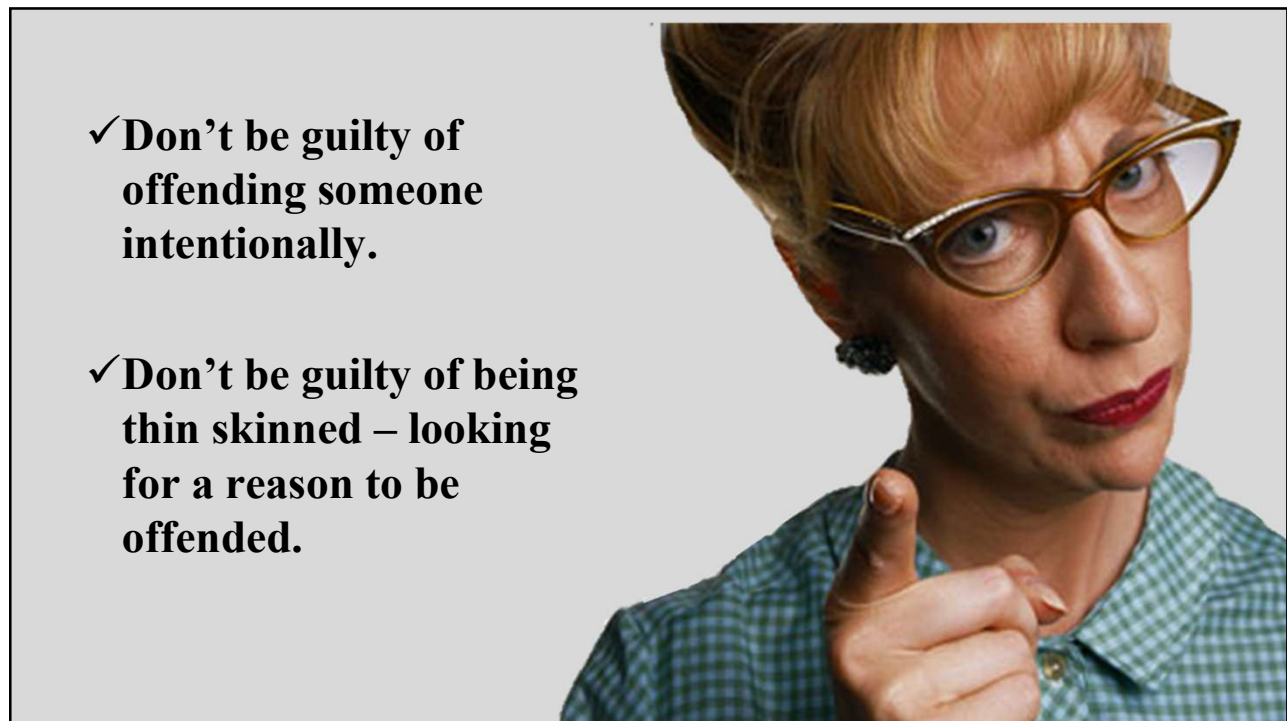
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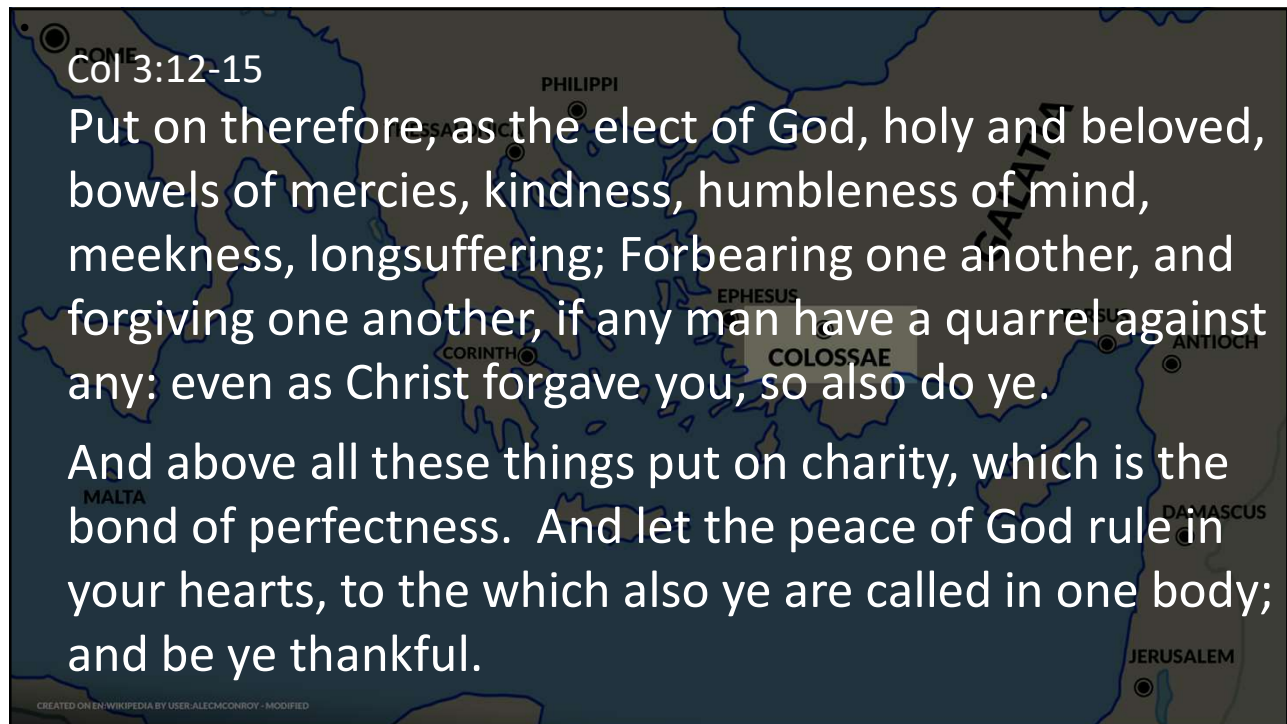
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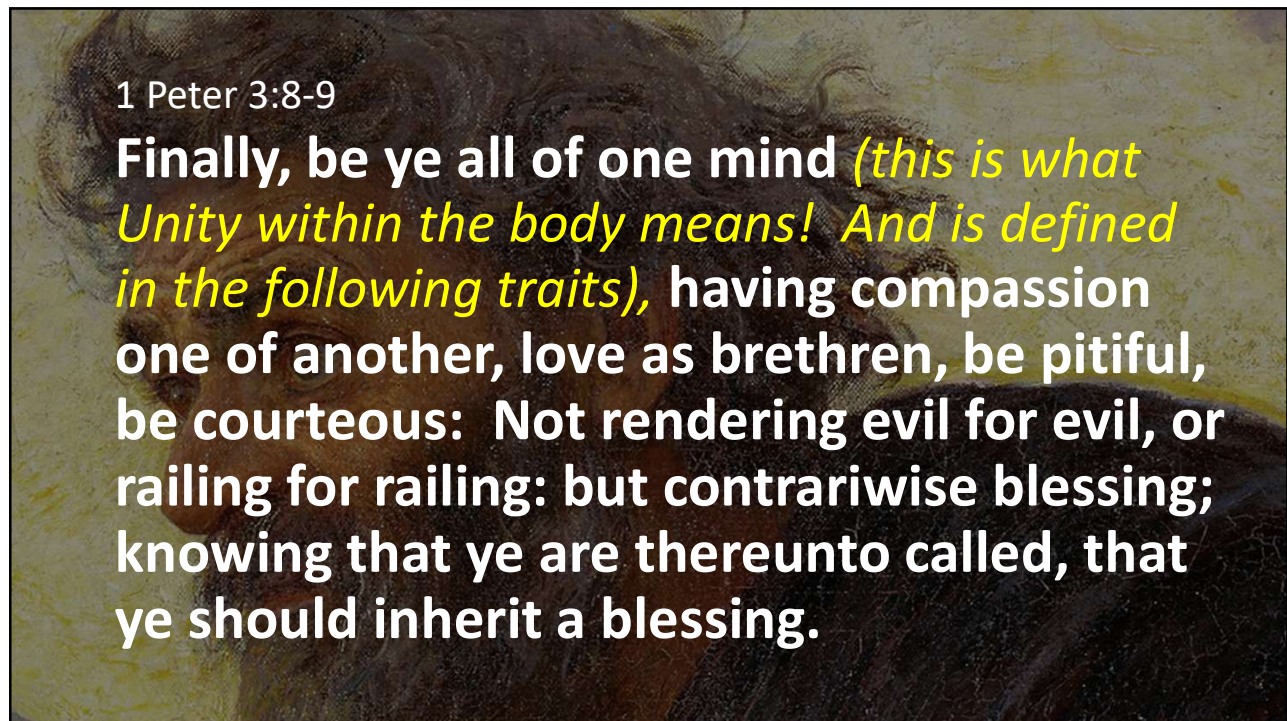


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Rom 14:13-15

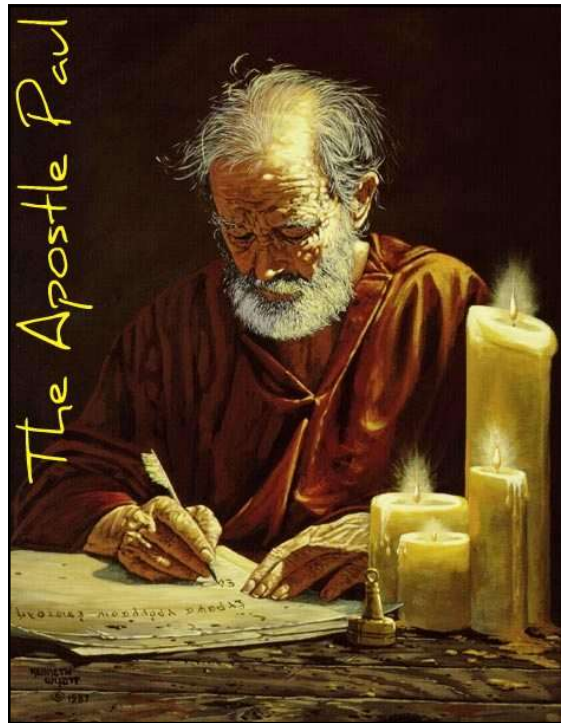
...no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

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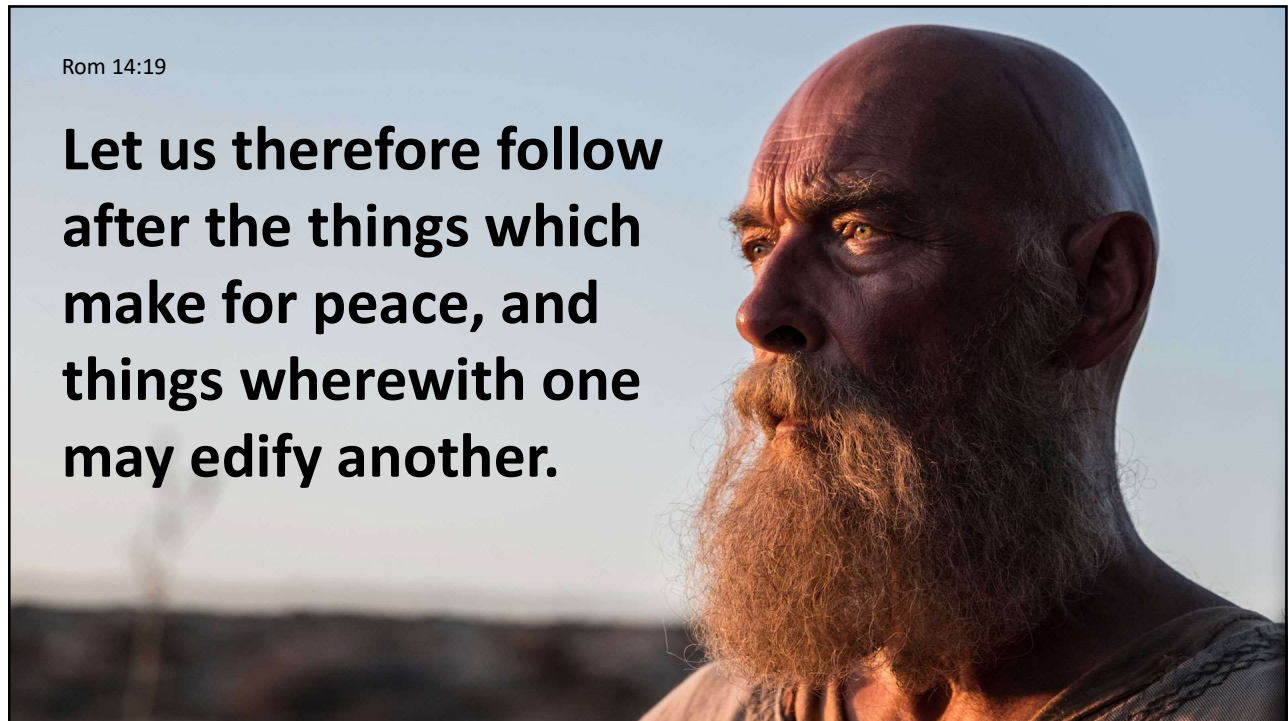
1 Cor 10:31-32

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

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Rom 14:19

**Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.**



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1. Sometimes, we may offend somebody by standing for truth.

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Matt 15:12-14

Then His disciples came and said to Him, "***Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?***"

But He answered and said... "***Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.***"

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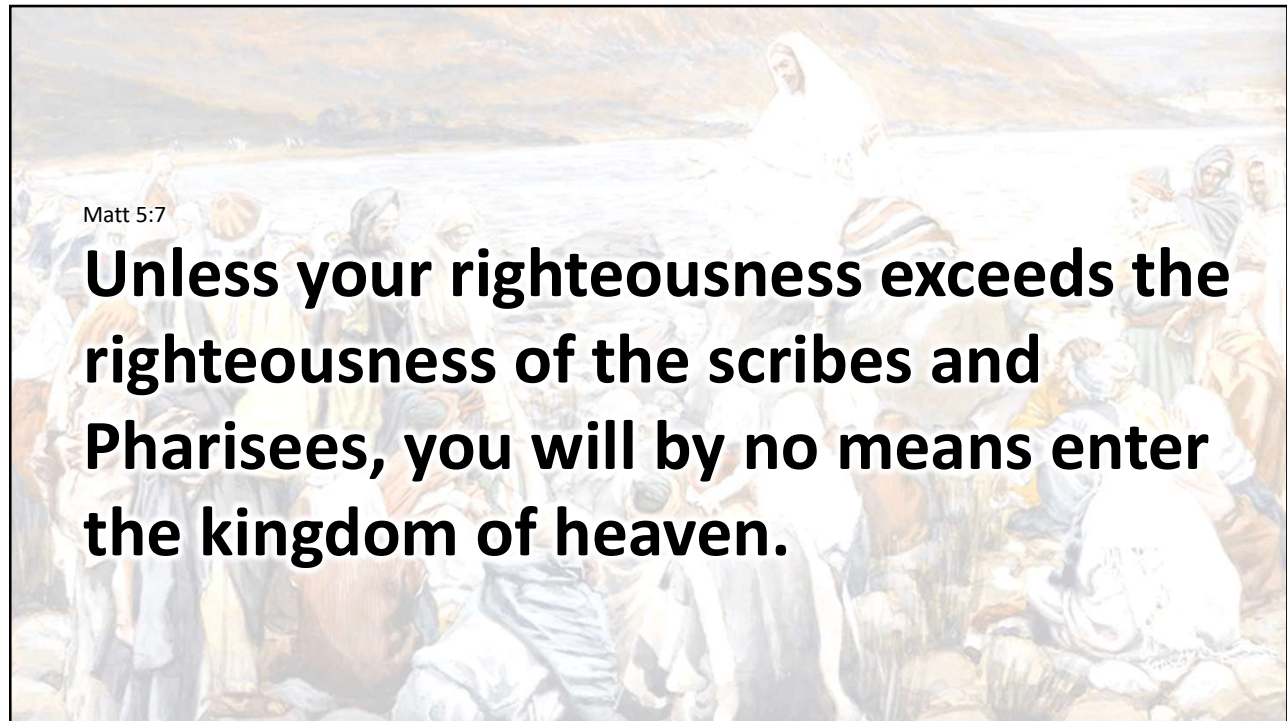




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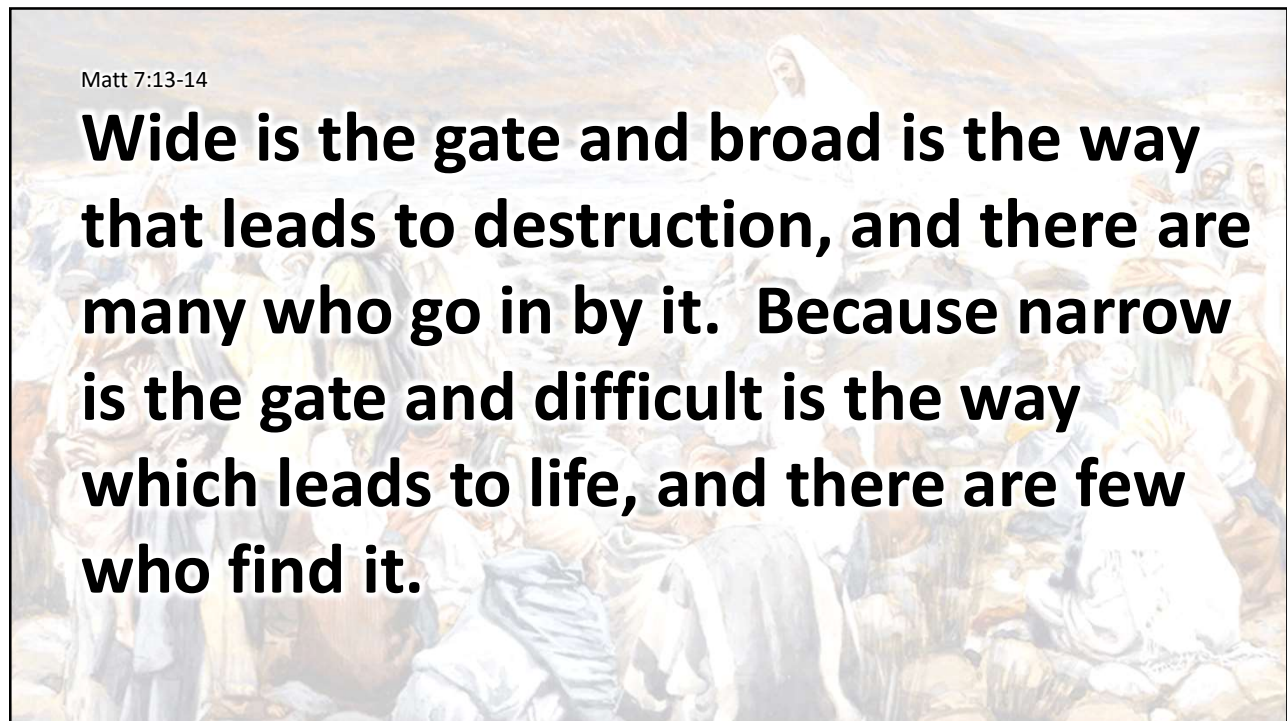
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Matt 5:7

**Unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.**

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Matt 7:13-14

**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.**

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Matt 7:22-23

**Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'**

**And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'**

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2. Most of the time, between believers, offence is an accident.

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**Matt 18:7**

**For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!**



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**Matt 18:15-17**

**"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.**



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# Gossip, Rumors and Lashon Hara (Evil Speech)

*Every kind of trafficking in evil report or rumors—whether true or not—by carrying them from one person to another, or by relating unpleasant or harmful facts about another, is forbidden.*

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THE

EVIL TONGUE

WHAT IS LASHON HARA?



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## Different forms of evil speech according to Jewish tradition:

- **“To put out a bad name”** – to slander or lie about someone.
- **“An evil tongue”** – repeating something that may be true, but for the purpose of tearing the person down or embarrassing them.
  - An evil tongue can even occur without saying a word – it could be a raised eyebrow or a roll of the eyes or a smirk conveying the message about a person.
- **“Intentional humiliation”** – A spouse ridiculing or correcting the other in the presence of others. A teacher asking a child a question, knowing the child doesn’t know the answer.

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**Heb 10:24-25** And **let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:** Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

**Gal 6:1-2** Brothers, suppose someone is caught doing something wrong. **You who have the Spirit should set him right, but in a spirit of humility, keeping an eye on yourselves so that you won’t be tempted too.**



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James 3:6-8,10

And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison... Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. *My brethren, these things ought not so to be.*

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# Gossip: The Triple Murder Threat

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*Gossip can be more powerful than biological weapons.*

The sages teach that each time someone speaks badly of others, it is like killing three people.

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## Rabbis say that a gossip murders three people.

1. The object of the gossip is one victim.
2. The listener is also a victim as their relationship with the one gossiped about is negatively affected.
3. The third victim is the speaker as they destroy their own reputations as people soon realize they cannot be trusted.

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### JAMES 3:10

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✓ Don't be guilty of being thin skinned – looking for a reason to be offended.

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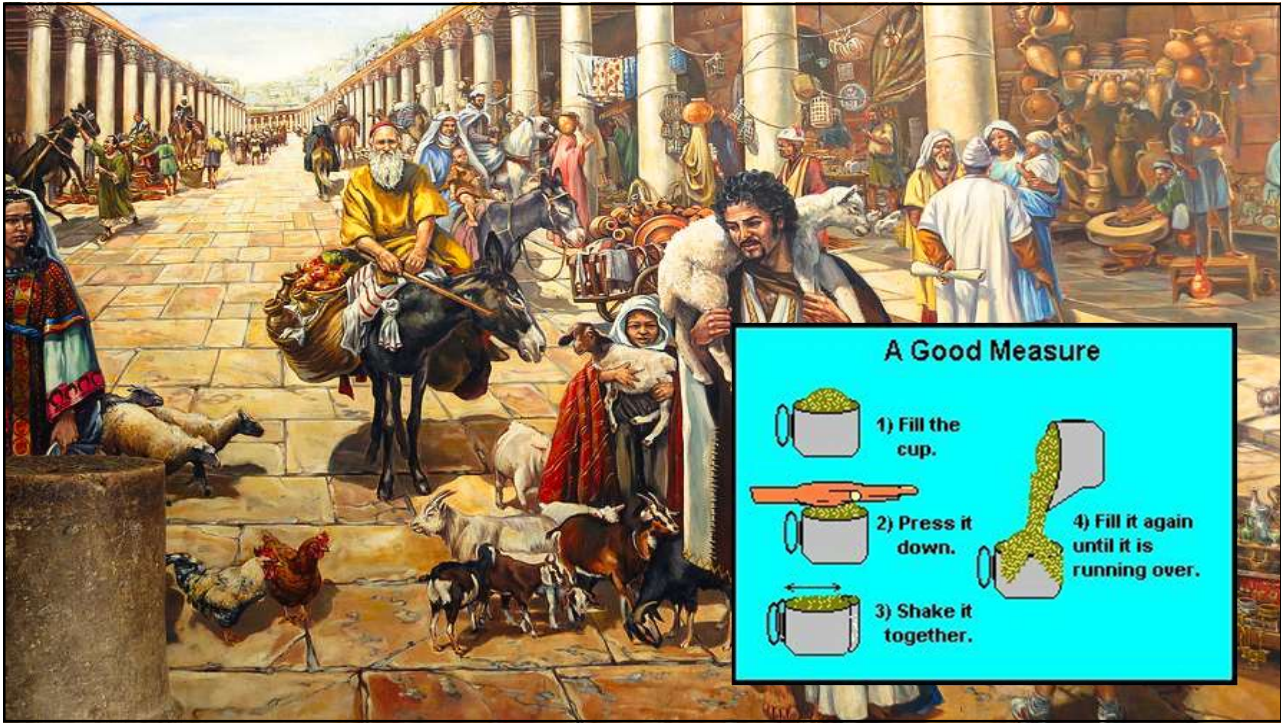
**Luke 6:36-38**

*Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: **Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.***



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Rabbi Yehoshua ben Perachia (120BC) Mishna –


*“Judge each person  
with the scales weighed  
in their favor.”*

Walking in the dust of Rabbi Jesus: How the Jewish words of Jesus can Change your Life, Lois Tverberg, Chapter 8,  
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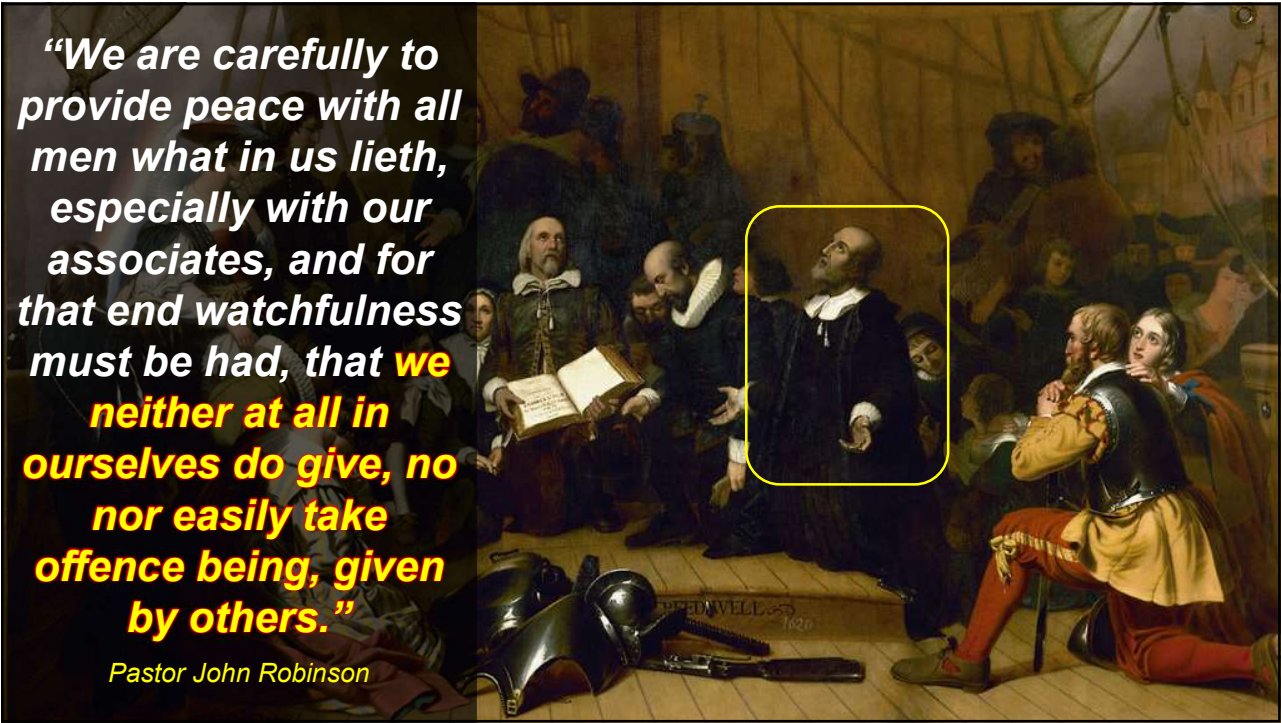
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Acts 15:36-40

And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

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Acts 15:36-40

And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark. But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

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Acts 15:36-40

And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus; And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

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## Thoughts in passing:

- The great men and women in the Bible were just human beings trying to serve God. They had the same fears, biases and weaknesses that we all do.
- Satan ALWAYS tries to divide and destroy.
- God used this as a Romans 8:28 moment and DOUBLED His missionary effort.