

第九篇

用祷告的灵读箴言，
使之对我们成为金块和珠宝，
加强我们追求基督的生活，
以完成神的经纶

诗歌：

读经：箴一1～7，弗四22～24，六17～18

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箴1:5 使智慧人听见，增长学识，使聪明人得着智谋；
- 箴1:6 使人明白箴言和譬喻，懂得智慧人的言辞和隐语。
箴1:7 敬畏耶和华是知识的开端；愚妄人藐视智慧和训诲。
弗4:22 在从前的生活样式上，脱去了旧人，这旧人是照着那迷惑的情欲败坏的；
弗4:23 而在你们心思的灵里得以更新，
弗4:24 并且穿上了新人，这新人是照着神，在那实际的义和圣中所创造的。
弗6:17 还要借着各样的祷告和祈求，接受救恩的头盔，并那灵的剑，那灵就是神的话；
弗6:18 时时在灵里祷告，并尽力坚持，在这事上儆醒，且为众圣徒祈求，

纲要

壹 箴言是智慧人之言语的汇集，（一1～7，）强调人借着接触神，从神所得的智慧，（参代下一10～12，西二2～3，—28～29，）并且教导人如何行事为人，在为人

Message Nine

Reading the Book of Proverbs with a Praying Spirit So That It Will Render Us Nuggets and Gems to Strengthen Our Life of Pursuing Christ for the Fulfillment of God's Economy

Hymns:

Scripture Reading: Prov. 1:1-7; Eph. 4:22-24; 6:17-18

- Prov. 1:1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, the king of Israel:
Prov. 1:2 For knowing wisdom and instruction; / For discerning words of understanding;
Prov. 1:3 For receiving instruction in wise conduct, / Righteousness, justice, and equity;
Prov. 1:4 For giving prudence to the simple, / Knowledge and discretion to the young man;
Prov. 1:5 That the wise man may hear and increase in learning, / And he who has understanding may acquire sound counsel;
Prov. 1:6 For understanding proverb and figure, / The words of the wise and their difficult sayings.
Prov. 1:7 The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge; / Fools despise wisdom and instruction.
Eph. 4:22 That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,
Eph. 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind
Eph. 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.
Eph. 6:17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,
Eph. 6:18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

Outline

- I. Proverbs is a collection of the words of the wise (1:1-7); it stresses the wisdom that man receives of God through his contacting of God (cf. 2 Chron. 1:10-12; Col. 2:2-3; 1:28-29), and it teaches man how to behave and build up his character

生活中建立他们的性格（参腓一 20，加六 7～8，五 22～26）：

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代下 1:10 求你赐我智慧和知识，我好在这民前出入；不然，谁能审断你这众多的民呢？
代下 1:11 神对所罗门说，你心里既有此意，并不求财富、资产、尊荣，也不求灭绝那恨你之人的性命，又不求长寿，只为自己求智慧和知识，好审断我的民，就是我立你作王来治理的；
- 代下 1:12 我必赐你智慧和知识，也必赐你财富、资产、尊荣，在你以前的列王都没有这样，在你以后的也必没有这样。
西 2:2 要叫他们的心得安慰，在爱里结合一起，以致丰丰富富地在悟性上有充分的确信，能以完全认识神的奥秘，就是基督；
西 2:3 一切智慧和知识的宝藏，都藏在祂里面。
西 1:28 我们宣扬祂，是用全般的智慧警戒各人，教导各人，好将各人在基督里成熟地献上；
西 1:29 我也为此劳苦，照着祂在我里面大能的运行，竭力奋斗。
腓 1:20 这是照着我所专切期待并盼望的，就是没有一事会叫我羞愧，只要凡事放胆，无论是生，是死，总叫基督在我身体上，现今也照常显大，
加 6:7 不要受迷惑，神是嗤慢不得的，因为人种的是什么，收的也是什么。
加 6:8 为着自己的肉体撒种的，必从肉体收败坏；为着那灵撒种的，必从那灵收永远的生命。
加 5:22 但那灵的果子，就是爱、喜乐、和平、恒忍、恩慈、良善、信实、
加 5:23 温柔、节制；这样的事，没有律法反对。
加 5:24 但那属基督耶稣的人，是已经把肉体连肉体的邪情私欲，都钉了十字架。
加 5:25 我们若凭着灵活着，也就当凭着灵而行。
加 5:26 不要贪图虚荣，彼此惹气，互相嫉妒。

- 一 因为箴言主要是由律法时代两位犹大王（所罗门和希西家）所收集，所以箴言这卷书可视为律法的辅助。
- 二 律法是神的描绘，要求神的百姓遵守，使他们

in his human life (cf. Phil. 1:20; Gal. 6:7-8; 5:22-26):

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2 Chron. 1:10 Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?
2 Chron. 1:11 Then God said to Solomon, Because this is on your heart and you have not asked for riches, wealth, or honor, nor for the life of those who hate you, nor have you even asked for long life, but have asked for wisdom and knowledge for yourself so that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king;
2 Chron. 1:12 Wisdom and knowledge are granted to you; and riches and wealth and honor I will give you, such as no kings who were before you have had, nor any after you will have.
Col. 2:2 That their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love and unto all the riches of the full assurance of understanding, unto the full knowledge of the mystery of God, Christ,
Col. 2:3 In whom all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden.
Col. 1:28 Whom we announce, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man full-grown in Christ;
Col. 1:29 For which also I labor, struggling according to His operation which operates in me in power.
Phil. 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
Gal. 6:7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.
Gal. 6:8 For he who sows unto his own flesh will reap corruption of the flesh, but he who sows unto the Spirit will of the Spirit reap eternal life.
Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
Gal. 5:23 Meekness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
Gal. 5:24 But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.
Gal. 5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.
Gal. 5:26 Let us not become vainglorious, provoking one another, envying one another.

- A. Since the proverbs were collected mainly by two kings (Solomon and Hezekiah) in the age of the law, the book of Proverbs may be considered a subsidiary to the law.
- B. The law is the portrait of God; as such, it demands that God's people

能成为神的复本，好叫神得着彰显和荣耀—参考
罗八 4。

罗 8:4 使律法义的要求，成就在我们这不照着肉体，只照着灵而行的人身上。

三 箴言是律法的辅助，指导人如何照着神的属性，就是照着神的所是，行事为人并建立自己。

贰 箴言独有的特点，是向我们陈明古时许多智慧人智慧的话，所有读这卷书的人一致认为这些话是好的；但我们必须领悟，箴言之于我们是如何，乃在于我们是哪一种人，以及我们以何种方式接受箴言：

一 我们若是一个讲求伦理道德的人，有刚强的心思，并且渴慕象一个真正有道德的人那样完全，这卷书的确会帮助我们在追求完全的事上成功；然而，这卷书并不能帮助我们成为一个照着神那住在我们里面的灵而活在灵中的人（提后四 22，罗一 9，二 29，七 6，八 4～6，9～11，16，林前十六 18，林后二 13～14，腓三 3，加五 15～17，22～25，六 18，弗五 18，六 18）：

提后 4:22 愿主与你的灵同在。愿恩典与你们同在。

罗 1:9 我在祂儿子的福音上，在我灵里所事奉的神，可以见证我怎样在祷告中，常常不住地提到你们，

罗 2:29 唯有在内里作的，才是犹太人；割礼也是心里的，在于灵，不在于字句。这人的称赞，不是从人来的，乃是从神来的。

罗 7:6 但既然已经在我们的律法上死了，现今就脱离了律法，叫我们在灵的新样里服事，不在字句的旧样里。

罗 8:4 使律法义的要求，成就在我们这不照着肉体，只照着灵而行的人身上。

罗 8:5 因为照着肉体的人，思念肉体的事；照着灵的人，思念那灵的事。

罗 8:6 因为心思置于肉体，就是死；心思置于灵，乃是生命平安。

罗 8:9 但神的灵若住在你们里面，你们就不在肉体里，乃在灵里了；然而人若没有基督的灵，就不是属基督的。

keep it so that they may be made copies of God for His expression and glorification—cf. Rom. 8:4.

Rom. 8:4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

C. Proverbs, as a subsidiary to the law, instructs people how to behave and how to build themselves up according to God's attributes, that is, according to what God is.

II. Proverbs has a particular character; that is, it presents to us the words of wisdom by many ancient wise men, which is unanimously considered good by all the people who read it; but we have to realize that what the book of Proverbs is to us depends upon what kind of persons we are and by what way we take it:

A. If we are ethical persons with a strong mind and have a desire to be perfect as genuine moral persons, surely this book would help us to make a success in our pursuit of perfection; however, it would not help us to be persons who live in our spirit according to the Spirit of God (2 Tim. 4:22; Rom. 1:9; 2:29; 7:6; 8:4-6, 9-11, 16; 1 Cor. 16:18; 2 Cor. 2:13-14; Phil. 3:3; Gal. 5:15-17, 22-25; 6:18; Eph. 5:18; 6:18):

2 Tim. 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

Rom. 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of His Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you always in my prayers,

Rom. 2:29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is of the heart, in spirit, not in letter, whose praise is not from men, but from God.

Rom. 7:6 But now we have been discharged from the law, having died to that in which we were held, so that we serve in newness of spirit and not in oldness of letter.

Rom. 8:4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

Rom. 8:5 For those who are according to the flesh mind the things of the flesh; but those who are according to the spirit, the things of the Spirit.

Rom. 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

Rom. 8:9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him.

罗 8:10 但基督若在你们里面，身体固然因罪是死的，灵却因义是生命。
罗 8:11 然而那叫耶稣从死人中复活者的灵，若住在你们里面，那就叫基督从死人中复活的，也必借着祂住在你们里面的灵，赐生命给你们必死的身体。
罗 8:16 那灵自己同我们的灵见证我们是神的儿女。
林前 16:18 他们使我和你们的灵都畅快。这样的人你们务要赏识。
林后 2:13 那时没有找到我的弟兄提多，我灵里不安，便辞别那里的人，往马其顿去了。
林后 2:14 感谢神，祂常在基督里，在凯旋的行列中率领我们，并借着我们在各处显扬那因认识基督而有的香气；
腓 3:3 真受割礼的，乃是我们这凭神的灵事奉，在基督耶稣里夸口，不信靠肉体的。
加 5:15 你们要谨慎，若相咬相吞，只怕要彼此消灭了。
加 5:16 我说，你们当凭着灵而行，就绝不会满足肉体的情欲了。
加 5:17 因为肉体纵任贪欲，抵抗那灵，那灵也抵抗肉体，二者彼此敌对，使你们不能作所愿意的。
加 5:22 但那灵的果子，就是爱、喜乐、和平、恒忍、恩慈、良善、信实、
加 5:23 温柔、节制；这样的事，没有律法反对。
加 5:24 但那属基督耶稣的人，是已经把肉体连肉体的邪情私欲，都钉了十字架。
加 5:25 我们若凭着灵活着，也就当凭着灵而行。
加 6:18 弟兄们，愿我们主耶稣基督的恩与你们的灵同在。阿们。
弗 5:18 不要醉酒，醉酒使人放荡，乃要在灵里被充满，
弗 6:18 时时在灵里祷告，并尽力坚持，在这事上儆醒，且为众圣徒祈求，

1 在旧约里，约伯满足于自己的纯全，满足于自己属人完全的追求；但这不是神在他身上所要的，反而顶替了神在他身上所要的；这就成了神的仇敌，使他这个神所创造的人受拦阻，不能完成神的定旨。

2 神的定旨是要约伯得着神，使神得荣耀，得彰显；我们对神最高的事奉，就是得着神到极点，被神充满，以彰显神而使祂得荣耀—腓三 7 ~ 8, 12, 赛四三 7, 林前六 20, 十 31, 参约十七 1。

腓 3:7 只是从前我以为对我是赢得的，这些，我因基督都已经看作亏损。
腓 3:8 不但如此，我也将万事看作亏损，因我以认识我主基督耶稣为至宝；我因祂已经亏损万事，看作粪土，为要赢得基督，
腓 3:12 这不是说，我已经得着了，或已经完全了，我乃是竭力追求，或者可以取得基督耶稣所以取得我的。

Rom. 8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.
Rom. 8:11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.
Rom. 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.
1 Cor. 16:18 For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Acknowledge therefore such ones.
2 Cor. 2:13 I had no rest in my spirit, for I did not find Titus my brother; but taking leave of them, I went forth into Macedonia.
2 Cor. 2:14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in the Christ and manifests the savor of the knowledge of Him through us in every place.
Phil. 3:3 For we are the circumcision, the ones who serve by the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh,
Gal. 5:15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another.
Gal. 5:16 But I say, Walk by the Spirit and you shall by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh.
Gal. 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these oppose each other that you would not do the things that you desire.
Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
Gal. 5:23 Meekness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
Gal. 5:24 But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.
Gal. 5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.
Gal. 6:18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.
Eph. 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissoluteness, but be filled in spirit,
Eph. 6:18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

1. In the Old Testament Job was satisfied with his integrity, with his pursuit of human perfection, but that was not what God wanted of him; rather, it replaced what God wanted of him, and it became an enemy of God, frustrating Job as a man created by God to fulfill God's purpose.

2. God's purpose was for Job to gain Him for the glorification of God, the expression of God; the highest service that we can render to God is for us to gain God to the uttermost, to be filled with God, in order to express God for His glory—Phil. 3:7-8, 12; Isa. 43:7; 1 Cor. 6:20; 10:31; cf. John 17:1.

Phil. 3:7 But what things were gains to me, these I have counted as loss on account of Christ.
Phil. 3:8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ
Phil. 3:12 Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

赛 43:7 就是凡称为我名下的人，是我为自己的荣耀所创造、所塑造的，更是我所造作的。

林前 6:20 因为你们是重价买来的。这样，就要在你们的身体上荣耀神。

林前 10:31 所以你们或吃、或喝、或作什么事，一切都是要为荣耀神而行。

约 17:1 耶稣说了这些话，就举目望天说，父啊，时候到了，愿你荣耀你的儿子，使儿子也荣耀你；

3 神创造人的定旨，是要人得着祂，被祂充满，好彰显祂，而不是彰显属人的完全；所以神来拆毁约伯在属人完全上的成功；然后神进来向约伯启示祂自己，指明祂自己才是约伯所该追求、得着并彰显的一—伯四二 1～6，十 13，弗三 9，腓三 14，林后三 18，四 16～18。

伯 42:1 约伯回答耶和华说，

伯 42:2 我知道你万事都能作，你的定旨是不能拦阻的。

伯 42:3 谁用无知的言语，使你的旨意隐藏呢？故此我说了我所不明白的；这些事对我太奇妙，是我不知道的。

伯 42:4 求你听我，我要说话；我要问你，求你指示我。

伯 42:5 我从前风闻有你，现在亲眼看见你。

伯 42:6 因此我厌恶自己，在尘土和炉灰中懊悔。

伯 10:13 然而你待我的这些事，早已藏在你心里；我知道这是你的意思：

弗 3:9 并将那历代隐藏在创造万有之神里的奥秘有何等的经历，向众人照明，

腓 3:14 向着标竿竭力追求，要得神在基督耶稣里，召我向上去得的奖赏。

林后 3:18 但我们在众人既然以没有帕子遮蔽的脸，好象镜子观看并返照主的荣光，就渐渐变化成为与祂同样的形像，从荣耀到荣耀，乃是从主灵变化成的。

林后 4:16 所以我们不丧胆，反而我们外面的人虽然在毁坏，我们里面的人却日日在更新。

林后 4:17 因为我们这短暂轻微的苦楚，要极尽超越地为我们成就永远重大的荣耀。

林后 4:18 我们原不是顾念所见的，乃是顾念所不见的，因为所见的是暂时的，所不见的才是永远的。

二 我们来到箴言这卷书跟前，需要在我们的灵里祷告，将自己从心思转向灵；（弗六 18，路十八 1，西四 2；）我们若这样来到箴言跟前，就会凭着新人来摸主的话，我们过生活就不是凭着我们天然的人、我们的旧人、和我们的己，乃是凭着那活在我们灵里，作我们生命和人位的主耶稣。

Isa. 43:7 Everyone who is called by My name, / Whom I have created, formed, and even made for My glory.

1 Cor. 6:20 For you have been bought with a price. So then glorify God in your body.

1 Cor. 10:31 Therefore whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

John 17:1 These things Jesus spoke, and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You;

3. God's purpose in creating man is to have man gain Him and be filled with Him to be His expression, not an expression of human perfection; therefore, the success of Job in human perfection was torn down by God; then God came in to reveal Himself to Job, indicating that He Himself is what Job should pursue, gain, and express—Job 42:1-6; 10:13; Eph. 3:9; Phil. 3:14; 2 Cor. 3:18; 4:16-18.

Job 42:1 Then Job answered Jehovah and said,

Job 42:2 I know that You can do all things / And that no purpose of Yours can be restrained.

Job 42:3 Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge? / Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, / Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

Job 42:4 Hear now, and I will speak; / I will ask of You, and You shall inform me.

Job 42:5 I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, / But now my eye has seen You;

Job 42:6 Therefore I abhor myself, and I repent / In dust and ashes.

Job 10:13 But You have hidden these things in Your heart; / I know that this is with You:

Eph. 3:9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

Phil. 3:14 I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.

2 Cor. 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

2 Cor. 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

2 Cor. 4:17 For our momentary lightness of affliction works out for us, more and more surpassingly, an eternal weight of glory,

2 Cor. 4:18 Because we do not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

B. When we come to the book of Proverbs, we need to turn ourselves from the mind to the spirit by praying in our spirit (Eph. 6:18; Luke 18:1; Col. 4:2); if we come to Proverbs in this way, we will be touching the Word by the new man, and we will live a life not by our natural man, by our old man, and by our self but by the Lord Jesus, who is our life and person living in our spirit (2 Tim. 4:22; John 6:57, 63; Jer.

(提后四 22, 约六 57, 63, 耶十五 16。)

- 弗 6:18 时时在灵里祷告，并尽力坚持，在这事上儆醒，且为众圣徒祈求，
路 18:1 耶稣又对他们讲一个比喻，是要人常常祷告，不可灰心，说，
西 4:2 你们要坚定持续地祷告，在此儆醒感恩，
提后 4:22 愿主与你的灵同在。愿恩典与你们同在。
约 6:57 活的父怎样差我来，我又因父活着，照样，那吃我的人，也要因我活着。
约 6:63 赐人生命的乃是灵，肉是无益的；我对你们所说的话，就是灵，就是生命。
耶 15:16 耶和华万军之神啊，我得着你的言语，就当食物吃了；你的言语成了我心中的欢喜快乐；因我是称为你名下的人。

三 我们必须拒绝自我修养，定罪旧造天然人的建立，（参太十六 24，罗六 6，加二 20，）并借着操练我们的灵同着那灵，在祷告的灵里接触话，作为新造重生的人（弗四 22 ~ 24，林后四 16）来读箴言；这样，箴言里的话就会对我们成为灵和生命。（约六 63，太四 4，弗六 17 ~ 18。）

- 太 16:24 于是耶稣对门徒说，若有人要跟从我，就当否认己，背起他的十字架，并跟从我。
罗 6:6 知道我们的旧人已经与祂同钉十字架，使罪的身体失效，叫我们不再作罪的奴仆，
加 2:20 我已经与基督同钉十字架；现在活着的，不再是我，乃是基督在我里面活着；并且我如今在肉身里所活的生命，是我在神儿子的信里，与祂联结所活的，祂是爱我，为我舍了自己。
弗 4:22 在从前的生活样式上，脱去了旧人，这旧人是照着那迷惑的情欲败坏的；
弗 4:23 而在你们心思的灵里得以更新，
弗 4:24 并且穿上了新人，这新人是照着神，在那实际的义和圣中所创造的。
林后 4:16 所以我们不丧胆，反而我们外面的人虽然在毁坏，我们里面的人却日日在更新。
约 6:63 赐人生命的乃是灵，肉是无益的；我对你们所说的话，就是灵，就是生命。
太 4:4 耶稣却回答说，经上记着，“人活着不是单靠食物，乃是靠神口里所出的一切话。”
弗 6:17 还要借着各样的祷告和祈求，接受救恩的头盔，并那灵的剑，那灵就是神的话；
弗 6:18 时时在灵里祷告，并尽力坚持，在这事上儆醒，且为众圣徒祈求，

15:16).

- Eph. 6:18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,
Luke 18:1 And He told them a parable to the end that they ought always to pray and not lose heart,
Col. 4:2 Persevere in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving,
2 Tim. 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.
John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.
John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
Jer. 15:16 Your words were found and I ate them, / And Your word became to me / The gladness and joy of my heart, / For I am called by Your name, / O Jehovah, God of hosts.

C. We must reject self-cultivation, condemn the building up of the natural man in the old creation (cf. Matt. 16:24; Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20), and come to Proverbs as a regenerated man in the new creation (Eph. 4:22-24; 2 Cor. 4:16) by exercising our spirit with the Spirit to contact the word in the spirit of prayer so that the word in Proverbs will become spirit and life to us (John 6:63; Matt. 4:4; Eph. 6:17-18).

- Matt. 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
Rom. 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;
Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
Eph. 4:22 That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,
Eph. 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind
Eph. 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.
2 Cor. 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.
John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
Matt. 4:4 But He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God."
Eph. 6:17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,
Eph. 6:18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

四 我们新约信徒该相信，箴言是圣经中神的圣言的一部分；诗人说，“我要向你的诫命举手，这些诫命是我所爱的；”（诗一一九48；）向神的话举手，指明我们热诚欢乐地接受它，并对它说“阿们”。（尼八5～6。）

诗 119:48 我要向你的诫命举手，这些诫命是我所爱的；我也要默想你的律例。

尼 8:5 以斯拉站在众民以上，在众民眼前展开这书；他一展开，众民就都站起来。

尼 8:6 以斯拉颂赞耶和华至大的神；众民都举手应声说，阿们，阿们；就低头，面伏于地，敬拜耶和华。

五 箴言是神的呼出，给我们吸入，叫我们从神得着生命的供应；圣经是神的呼出；当我们借着各样的祷告读任何经文的时候，这祷读就是我们吸入神的气—提后三16，弗六17～18：

提后 3:16 圣经都是神的呼出，对于教训、督责、改正、在义上的教导，都是有益的，

弗 6:17 还要借着各样的祷告和祈求，接受救恩的头盔，并那灵的剑，那灵就是神的话；

弗 6:18 时时在灵里祷告，并尽力坚持，在这事上儆醒，且为众圣徒祈求，

1 箴言里一切的话都是神的呼出，而神的呼出完全具体化在基督里；我们读箴言时，需要吸入神所呼出的一切；借着吸入箴言里神圣的气，我们越接受说话之神的气，就越享受基督—提后三16，约二十二。

提后 3:16 圣经都是神的呼出，对于教训、督责、改正、在义上的教导，都是有益的，

约 20:22 说了这话，就向他们吹入一口气，说，你们受圣灵。

2 以色列人受嘱遵守诫命、律例和典章，今天我们则需要持守基督；借着接受基督、持守基督、紧联于基督，我们就会赢得祂、享受祂并活祂；我们需要爱基督、持守基督、教导基督、披戴基督、并书写基督—申六1，5～9，腓三9，一19～21上。

申 6:1 这是耶和华你们神吩咐我教训你们的诫命、律例和典章，

D. As New Testament believers, we should believe that Proverbs is a part of the holy word in God's Holy Scriptures; the psalmist says, "I will lift up my hand to Your commandments, which I love" (Psa. 119:48); to lift up our hand unto the word of God is to indicate that we receive it warmly and gladly and that we say Amen to it (Neh. 8:5-6).

Psa. 119:48 And I will lift up my hand to Your commandments, which I love; / And I will muse upon Your statutes.

Neh. 8:5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people (for he was above all the people); and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

Neh. 8:6 And Ezra blessed Jehovah the great God; and all the people answered, Amen, Amen, lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped Jehovah with their faces to the ground.

E. Proverbs is the breath of God for us to breathe in that we may receive the life supply from God; the Bible is God's exhaling; when we read any verse by means of all prayer, this pray-reading becomes our inhaling of God's breath—2 Tim. 3:16; Eph. 6:17-18:

2 Tim. 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

Eph. 6:17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,

Eph. 6:18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

1. All the words in Proverbs are God's breathing, which is altogether embodied in Christ; as we read Proverbs, we need to inhale all that God has exhaled, all that He has breathed out; by inhaling the divine breath in Proverbs, the more we receive the breath of the speaking God, the more we will enjoy Christ—2 Tim. 3:16; John 20:22.

2 Tim. 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

John 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed into them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.

2. Whereas the children of Israel were charged to keep the commandments, statutes, and ordinances, we today need to keep Christ; by taking Christ, keeping Christ, and holding fast to Him, we will gain Him, enjoy Him, and live Him; we need to love Christ, keep Christ, teach Christ, wear Christ, and write Christ—Deut. 6:1, 5-9; Phil. 3:9; 1:19-21a.

Deut. 6:1 Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the ordinances, which Jehovah your God has

使你们在所要过去得为业的地上遵行；

- 申 6:5 你要全心、全魂、全力，爱耶和华你的神。
申 6:6 我今日所吩咐你的这些话，要放在心上；
申 6:7 也要殷勤教训你的儿女，无论你坐在家里，行在路上，躺下，起来，都要谈论。
申 6:8 你也要将这些话系在手上为记号，戴在额上为头带；
申 6:9 又要写在你房屋的门框上，并你的城门上。
腓 3:9 并且给人看出我是在祂里面，不是有自己那本于律法的义，乃是有那借着信基督而有的义，就是那基于信、本于神的义，
腓 1:19 因为我知道，这事借着你们的祈求，和耶稣基督之灵全备的供应，终必叫我得救。
腓 1:20 这是照着我所专切期待并盼望的，就是没有一件事会叫我羞愧，只要凡事放胆，无论是生，是死，总叫基督在我身体上，现今也照常显大，
腓 1:21 上因为我，活着就是基督，…

3 圣经是神的呼出，（提后三 16，）所以我们该借着各样的祷告，（弗六 17 ~ 18，）接受神的话，包括箴言这卷书，借此吸入圣经；我们教导圣经时，应当将神呼到人里面。

- 提后 3:16 圣经都是神的呼出，对于教训、督责、改正、在义上的教导，都是有益的，
弗 6:17 还要借着各样的祷告和祈求，接受救恩的头盔，并那灵的剑，那灵就是神的话；
弗 6:18 时时在灵里祷告，并尽力坚持，在这事上儆醒，且为众圣徒祈求，

六 我们读箴言时，该在灵里被神的丰满所充满；（弗五 18 ~ 19，三 19；）不仅如此，我们该用重生的灵，（罗八 16，）在新约生命的灵里，（2，）调和着祷告来读箴言，（弗六 17 ~ 18，）好用灵和生命，与话调和。（参约六 63。）

- 弗 5:18 不要醉酒，醉酒使人放荡，乃要在灵里被充满，
弗 5:19 用诗章、颂辞、灵歌，彼此对说，从心中向主歌唱、颂咏，

弗 3:19 并认识基督那超越知识的爱，使你们被充满，成为神一切的丰满。
罗 8:16 那灵自己同我们的灵见证我们是神的儿女。
罗 8:2 因为生命之灵的律，在基督耶稣里已经释放了我，使我脱离了罪与死的律。
弗 6:17 还要借着各样的祷告和祈求，接受救恩的头盔，并那灵的剑，那灵就是神的话；

commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land into which you are crossing over to possess;

- Deut. 6:5 And you shall love Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.
Deut. 6:6 And these words, which I command you today, shall be upon your heart;
Deut. 6:7 And you shall repeat them to your children, and speak about them when you sit in your house and when you journey on the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up;
Deut. 6:8 And you shall bind them on your hand as a sign, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes;
Deut. 6:9 And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
Phil. 3:9 And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is out of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is out of God and based on faith,
Phil. 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
Phil. 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
Phil. 1:21a For to me, to live is Christ...

3. Because the Scriptures are the breathing out of God, the exhaling of God (2 Tim. 3:16), we should inhale the Scriptures by receiving the word of God, including the book of Proverbs, by means of all prayer (Eph. 6:17-18); as we are teaching the Bible, we should be exhaling God into people.

- 2 Tim. 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
Eph. 6:17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,
Eph. 6:18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

F. We should read Proverbs by being filled with the fullness of God in our spirit (Eph. 5:18-19; 3:19); furthermore, we should read Proverbs in the New Testament Spirit of life (Rom. 8:2), with our regenerated spirit (v. 16), and by mingling prayer with our reading (Eph. 6:17-18) in order to mingle the words with spirit and life (cf. John 6:63).

- Eph. 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissoluteness, but be filled in spirit,
Eph. 5:19 Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and psalming with your heart to the Lord,
Eph. 3:19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.
Rom. 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.
Rom. 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

Eph. 6:17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,

弗 6:18 时时在灵里祷告，并尽力坚持，在这事上儆醒，且为众圣徒祈求，

约 6:63 赐人生命的乃是灵，肉是无益的；我对你们所说的话，就是灵，就是生命。

参考着神的经纶，箴言的原则如金块，细则如珠宝，这些都不是为着建立我们的旧人；反之，这些乃是叫我们建立我们的新人，加强我们追求基督的生活，以完成神的经纶，就是产生并建造基督的身体，终极完成那作神心头愿望和终极目标的新耶路撒冷：

一 我们需要以祷告的灵接受神那活而有效的话，使我们得以建立我们的新人，并使我们得以辨明我们的灵与魂—来四 12:

来 4:12 因为神的话是活的，是有功效的，比一切两刃的剑更锋利，能以刺入、甚至剖开魂与灵，骨节与骨髓，连心中的思念和主意都能辨明。

1 仇敌的计谋总是要使我们的灵与我们的魂搀杂在一起；搀杂是我们最大的难处；我们越被神的光—神的同在一所充满，就越认识神，也就越宝贵干净过于宝贵能力—太五 8，路十一 34 ~ 36，诗一一九 105，130。

太 5:8 清心的人有福了，因为他们必看见神。

路 11:34 你的眼睛就是身上的灯，你的眼睛单一的时候，全身就明亮；但你的眼睛不专的时候，身体就黑暗。

路 11:35 所以你要察看，你里面的光是否黑暗了。

路 11:36 若是你全身明亮，毫无黑暗，就必完全明亮，如同灯的明光照亮你。

诗 119:105 你的话是我脚前的灯，是我路上的光。

诗 119:130 你的言语一解开，就发出亮光，使愚蒙人通达。

2 除去这搀杂的路是借着圣灵的启示；灵与魂的分开，乃是有神的话光照我们，在我们里面照亮，给我们看见我们心中的思念和主意—三六 9，彼前二 9。

诗 36:9 因为你那里，有生命的源头；在你的光中，我们必得见光。

Eph. 6:18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

III. According to God's economy, the big proverbs, like nuggets, and the small ones, like gems, are not for us to build up our old man; rather, they are for us to build up our new man to strengthen our life of pursuing Christ for the fulfillment of God's economy in producing and building up the Body of Christ, which consummates the New Jerusalem as God's heart's desire and ultimate goal:

A. We need to receive the living and operative word of God with a praying spirit so that we can build up our new man and so that we may be able to discern our spirit from our soul—Heb. 4:12:

Heb. 4:12 For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

1. The enemy's strategy is always to mix our spirit up with our soul; our greatest problem is our mixture; the more we know God by being filled with His light, His presence, the more we will treasure purity over power—Matt. 5:8; Luke 11:34-36; Psa. 119:105, 130.

Matt. 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Luke 11:34 The lamp of the body is your eye. When your eye is single, your whole body also is full of light; but when it is evil, your body also is dark.

Luke 11:35 Watch out therefore that the light which is in you is not darkness.

Luke 11:36 If therefore your whole body is full of light and does not have any dark part, the whole will be full of light as when the lamp with its rays illuminates you.

Psa. 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet / And a light to my path.

Psa. 119:130 The opening of Your words gives light, / Imparting understanding to the simple.

2. The way to purge such mixture is through the revelation of the Holy Spirit; the dividing of the soul and the spirit occurs when God's word illuminates us, shining within us to reveal the thoughts and intentions of our heart—36:9; 1 Pet. 2:9.

Psa. 36:9 For with You is the fountain of life; / In Your light we see light.

彼前 2:9 唯有你们是蒙拣选的族类，是君尊的祭司体系，是圣别的国度，是买来作产业的子民，要叫你们宣扬那召你们出黑暗、入祂奇妙之光者的美德；

3 在神话语的光中所看见的，也就在光中杀死了；光杀死，乃是基督徒经历中最大的事；灵与魂的分开乃是靠着光照—赛六 1～8，徒九 1～4，十三 9～10。

赛 6:1 当乌西雅王崩的那年，我看见主坐在高高的宝座上，祂的衣袍垂下，遮满圣殿。

赛 6:2 其上有撒拉弗侍立，各有六个翅膀：用两个翅膀遮脸，两个翅膀遮脚，两个翅膀飞翔。

赛 6:3 彼此呼喊说，圣哉，圣哉，圣哉，万军之耶和华；祂的荣光充满全地。

赛 6:4 因呼喊者的声音，门槛的根基震动，殿充满了烟云。

赛 6:5 那时我说，祸哉，我灭亡了！因为我是嘴唇不洁的人，又住在嘴唇不洁的民中；又因我眼见大君王万军之耶和华。

赛 6:6 撒拉弗中有一位飞到我跟前，手里拿着红炭，是用火剪从坛上取下来的。

赛 6:7 他用炭沾我的口，说，看哪，这炭沾了你的嘴唇，你的罪孽便除掉，你的罪就遮盖了。

赛 6:8 我又听见主的声音，说，我可以差遣谁呢？谁肯为我们去呢？我说，我在这里，请差遣我。

徒 9:1 扫罗仍然向主的门徒，口吐威吓凶杀的话。他来到大祭司跟前，

徒 9:2 向他求文书给大马色的各会堂，若是找着这道路上的人，无论男女，都可以捆绑带到耶路撒冷。

徒 9:3 扫罗行路，将近大马色，忽然有光从天上四面照着他，

徒 9:4 他就仆倒在地，听见有声音对他说，扫罗，扫罗，你为什么逼迫我？

徒 13:9 扫罗，又名保罗，被圣灵充溢，定睛看他，说，

徒 13:10 你这满了各样诡诈和奸恶，魔鬼的儿子，众义的仇敌，你歪曲主的正路，还不止住么？

4 启示就是我们看见神所看见的；启示就是神开我们的眼睛，叫我们认识我们的主意，认识我们里面最深处的思念，象祂认识我们一样；神只要将我们的思念显露，将我们心中的主意给我们看一下，我们的灵与魂就分开了。

5 若没有祷读，箴言就仅仅是格言的汇集，但我们带着祷告读箴言，也就是祷读箴言时，我们的祷读就

1 Pet. 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired for a possession, so that you may tell out the virtues of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

3. Whatever we see under the shining of God from the word of God is killed by the light; the greatest thing in the Christian experience is the killing that comes from light; the dividing of the soul and the spirit comes from the shining—Isa. 6:1-8; Acts 9:1-4; 13:9-10.

Isa. 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting on a high and lofty throne, and the train of His robe filled the temple.

Isa. 6:2 Seraphim hovered over Him, each having six wings: With two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

Isa. 6:3 And one called to the other, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Jehovah of hosts; / The whole earth is filled with His glory.

Isa. 6:4 And the foundations of the threshold shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

Isa. 6:5 Then I said, Woe is me, for I am finished! / For I am a man of unclean lips, / And in the midst of a people of unclean lips I dwell; / Yet my eyes have seen the King, Jehovah of hosts.

Isa. 6:6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with an ember in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.

Isa. 6:7 And he touched my mouth with it and said, Now that this has touched your lips, / Your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is purged.

Isa. 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us? And I said, Here am I; send me.

Acts 9:1 But Saul, still breathing threatening and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

Acts 9:2 And asked for letters from him to Damascus for the synagogues, so that if he found any who were of the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Acts 9:3 And as he went, he drew near to Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

Acts 9:4 And he fell on the ground and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?

Acts 13:9 But Saul, who is also Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him

Acts 13:10 And said, O you who are full of all deceit and all unscrupulousness, son of the devil, enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?

4. Revelation is seeing what God sees; it is God opening our eyes to see our intentions and the deepest thoughts in our being as God sees them; as soon as God exposes our thoughts and shows us the intentions of our heart, our soul will be separated, divided, from our spirit.

5. Apart from pray-reading, the book of Proverbs is merely a collection of proverbs, but when we read Proverbs prayerfully, that is, when we pray-

使所有的箴言对我们成为灵和生命。

二 我们不该来到箴言跟前作一个守字句的人，乃该作一个寻求神的人；我们应当作全心寻求神，借着寻求神的面而求祂的恩，求神用脸光照我们，并且行在神面前的人—诗二七8，一〇五4，一一九2，10，58，135，168，林后三6。

诗 27:8 你说，你们当寻求我的面；那时我的心向你说，耶和华啊，你的面我正要寻求。

诗 105:4 要寻求耶和华与祂的能力，时常寻求祂的面。

诗 119:2 遵守祂的法度，全心寻求祂的，这样的人是有福的。

诗 119:10 我全心寻求了你，求你不要叫我偏离你的诫命。

诗 119:58 我全心求过你的恩；愿你照你的话恩待我。

诗 119:135 求你用脸光照仆人，又将你的律例教训我。

诗 119:168 我遵守了你的训辞和法度，因我一切的行径都在你面前。

林后 3:6 祂使我们够资格作新约的执事，这些执事不是属于字句，乃是属于灵，因为那字句杀死人，那灵却叫人活。

肆 以弗所四章二十二至二十四节清楚地告诉我们，在基督里的信徒有两个人—旧人和新人；旧人借着我们天然的出生，乃是属亚当的，新人借着新生、重生，乃是属基督的；我们应当过脱去旧人，穿上新人的生活；照着神的经纶，箴言不该用来培养并建立我们的旧人，乃该培养并建立我们重生的新人：

弗 4:22 在从前的生活样式上，脱去了旧人，这旧人是照着那迷惑的情欲败坏的；

弗 4:23 而在你们心思的灵里得以更新，

弗 4:24 并且穿上了新人，这新人是照着神，在那实际的义和圣中所创造的。

一 为要照着神的经纶而进入箴言这卷书的内在意义，我们应当成为照着新造而活的人；（加六15；）旧造是我们在亚当里的旧人，（弗四22，）是我们与生俱来天然的人，没有神的生

read Proverbs, our pray-reading causes all the proverbs to become words of spirit and life to us.

B. We should not come to Proverbs as a letter-keeper but as a God-seeker; we should be those who seek God with all our heart, who seek God's favor by entreating His countenance, who ask God to cause His face to shine upon us, and who walk in God's presence—Psa. 27:8; 105:4; 119:2, 10, 58, 135, 168; 2 Cor. 3:6.

Psa. 27:8 When You say, Seek My face, / To You my heart says, Your face, O Jehovah, will I seek.

Psa. 105:4 Seek Jehovah and His strength; / Seek His face continually.

Psa. 119:2 Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, / Who seek Him with all their heart.

Psa. 119:10 With all my heart I have sought You; / Do not let me wander from Your commandments.

Psa. 119:58 I entreated Your favor with my whole heart; / Be gracious to me according to Your word.

Psa. 119:135 Cause Your face to shine on Your servant, / And teach me Your statutes.

Psa. 119:168 I have kept Your precepts and Your testimonies, / For all my ways are before You.

2 Cor. 3:6 Who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, ministers not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

IV. Ephesians 4:22-24 tells us clearly that a believer in Christ has two men—the old man and the new man; the old man is of Adam through our natural birth, and the new man is of Christ by a new birth, regeneration; we need to live a life of putting off the old man and putting on the new man; according to God's economy, Proverbs should not be used to cultivate and build up our old man but to cultivate and build up our regenerated new man:

Eph. 4:22 That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,

Eph. 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind

Eph. 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

A. In order to enter into the intrinsic significance of the book of Proverbs according to God's economy, we need to be those who are living according to the new creation (Gal. 6:15); the old creation is our old man in Adam (Eph. 4:22), our natural being by birth, without God's

命和神的性情；新造是在基督里的新人，（24，）是我们由那灵重生的人，（约三6，）有神的生命和神的性情作到其中，（36，彼后一4，）有基督为其构成成分，（西三10～11，）成为新的构成。

- 加6:15 受割礼不受割礼，都无关紧要，要紧的乃是作新造。
弗4:22 在从前的生活样式上，脱去了旧人，这旧人是照着那迷惑的情欲败坏的；
弗4:24 并且穿上了新人，这新人是照着神，在那实际的义和圣中所创造的。
约3:6 从肉体生的，就是肉体；从那灵生的，就是灵。
约3:36 信入子的人有永远的生命；不信从子的人不得见生命，神的震怒却停留在他身上。
彼后1:4 借这荣耀和美德，祂已将又宝贵又极大的应许赐给我们，叫你们既逃离世上从情欲来的败坏，就借着这些应许，得有分于神的性情。
西3:10 并且穿上了新人；这新人照着创造他者的形像渐渐更新，以致有充足的知识；
西3:11 在此并没有希利尼人和犹太人、受割礼的和未受割礼的、化外人、西古提人、为奴的、自主的，唯有基督是一切，又在一切之内。

二 在我们的灵里，有美妙、奇妙、经过过程、包罗万有、七倍加强、赐生命的灵；（腓一19，启四5，五6，林前十五45，林后三6，罗八16；）当我们操练我们的灵，在神写成的话中（约十35）接触基督这神活的话，（一1，五39～40，）祂就成为神应用的话，对我们就是那灵；（弗六17～18；）这样，凡我们所读圣经中的话就会对我们成为灵和生命，而使我们得复兴。（约六63。）

- 腓1:19 因为我知道，这事借着你们的祈求，和耶稣基督之灵全备的供应，终必叫我得救。
启4:5 有闪电、声音、雷轰，从宝座中发出。又有七盏火灯在宝座前点着，这七灯就是神的七灵。
启5:6 我又看见宝座与四活物中间，并众长老中间，有羔羊站立，象是刚被杀过的，有七角和七眼，就是神的七灵，奉差遣往全地去的。
林前15:45 经上也是这样记着：“首先的人亚当成了活的魂；”末后的亚当成了赐生命的灵。
林后3:6 祂使我们够资格作新约的执事，这些执事不是属于字句，

life and the divine nature; the new creation is the new man in Christ (v. 24), our being that is regenerated by the Spirit (John 3:6), having God's life and the divine nature wrought into it (v. 36; 2 Pet. 1:4), having Christ as its constituent (Col. 3:10-11), and having become a new constitution.

- Gal. 6:15 For neither is circumcision anything nor uncircumcision, but a new creation is what matters.
Eph. 4:22 That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,
Eph. 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.
John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
John 3:36 He who believes into the Son has eternal life; but he who disobeys the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides upon him.
2 Pet. 1:4 Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.
Col. 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
Col. 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

B. In our spirit there is the marvelous, wonderful, processed, all-inclusive, sevenfold intensified, life-giving Spirit (Phil. 1:19; Rev. 4:5; 5:6; 1 Cor. 15:45; 2 Cor. 3:6; Rom. 8:16); when we exercise our spirit to contact Christ as the living Word of God (John 1:1; 5:39-40) in the written word of God (10:35), He becomes the applied word of God as the Spirit to us (Eph. 6:17-18); then our reading of any word in the Bible will become spirit and life to us to revive us (John 6:63).

- Phil. 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
Rev. 4:5 And out of the throne come forth lightnings and voices and thunders. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;
Rev. 5:6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
1 Cor. 15:45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.
2 Cor. 3:6 Who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, ministers not of the letter but

乃是属于灵，因为那字句杀死人，那灵却叫人活。
罗 8:16 那灵自己同我们的灵见证我们是神的儿女。
约 10:35 经书是不能废掉的，若是神的话所临到的人，祂尚且称他们为神，
约 1:1 太初有话，话与神同在，话就是神。
约 5:39 你们查考圣经，因你们以为其中有永远的生命，为我作见证的就是这经。
约 5:40 然而你们不肯到我这里来得生命。
弗 6:17 还要借着各样的祷告和祈求，接受救恩的头盔，并那灵的剑，那灵就是神的话；
弗 6:18 时时在灵里祷告，并尽力坚持，在这事上儆醒，且为众圣徒祈求，
约 6:63 赐人生命的乃是灵，肉是无益的；我对你们所说的话，就是灵，就是生命。

三 我们需要在祷告的灵和气氛中接受圣经，借此将圣经从一本表面上教导我们培养己并建立天然人的书，转为满了光、生命、灵、和属灵滋養的书；这要拆毁我们的己，破碎我们天然的人，并以三一神终极完成的灵供应我们。

伍 我们必须是这样的人：爱主并追求基督，而非追求自我完全，（参腓三 3～14，）并且爱整本圣经中主的话语，用祷告的灵来读经，不是要得着字句道理，乃是要寻求生命的灵与生命的话；（参约五 39～40，林后三 6；）我们来读箴言不该是要得任何帮助以自我修养，乃是要滋養我们的灵，好使我们过一种在神圣美德上，就是在神圣属性的彰显上是完全的基督徒生活。（加五 22～23，太五 5～9。）

腓 3:3 真受割礼的，乃是我们这凭神的灵事奉，在基督耶稣里夸口，不信靠肉体的。
腓 3:4 其实我也可以信靠肉体；若别人自以为可以信靠肉体，我更可以：
腓 3:5 论割礼，我是第八天受的，我是出于以色列族便雅悯支派，是希伯来人所生的希伯来人；按律法说，是法利赛人；
腓 3:6 按热心说，是逼迫召会的；按律法上的义说，是无可指摘的。

of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.
Rom. 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.
John 10:35 If He said they were gods, to whom the word of God came, and the Scripture cannot be broken,
John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
John 5:39 You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that testify concerning Me.
John 5:40 Yet you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.
Eph. 6:17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,
Eph. 6:18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,
John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

C. We need to turn the Bible from a book that apparently teaches us to cultivate the self and to build up the natural man into a book that actually is full of light, life, spirit, and spiritual nourishment by receiving it in a spirit and atmosphere of prayer; this will tear down our self, break our natural man, and supply us with the consummated Spirit of the Triune God.

V. We must be persons who love the Lord and pursue Christ, not self-perfection (cf. Phil. 3:3-14), and who love the Lord's word in the entire Bible and read it with a praying spirit, not to seek the doctrine of letters but to seek the Spirit and word of life (cf. John 5:39-40; 2 Cor. 3:6); we should read Proverbs not to gain any help for self-cultivation but to nourish our spirit so that we may live a Christian life that is perfect in the divine virtues, which are the expressions of the divine attributes (Gal. 5:22-23; Matt. 5:5-9).

Phil. 3:3 For we are the circumcision, the ones who serve by the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh,
Phil. 3:4 Though I myself have something to be confident of in the flesh as well. If any other man thinks that he has confidence in the flesh, I more:
Phil. 3:5 Circumcised the eighth day; of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;
Phil. 3:6 As to zeal, persecuting the church; as to the righteousness which is in the law, become blameless.

腓 3:7 只是从前我以为对我是赢得的，这些，我因基督都已经看作亏损。

腓 3:8 不但如此，我也将万事看作亏损，因我以认识我主基督耶稣为至宝；我因祂已经亏损万事，看作粪土，为要赢得基督，

腓 3:9 并且给人看出我是在祂里面，不是有自己那本于律法的义，乃是有那借着信基督而有的义，就是那基于信、本于神的义，

腓 3:10 使我认识基督、并祂复活的大能、以及同祂受苦的交通，模成祂的死，

腓 3:11 或者我可以达到那从死人中杰出的复活。

腓 3:12 这不是说，我已经得着了，或已经完全了，我乃是竭力追求，或者可以取得基督耶稣所以取得我的。

腓 3:13 弟兄们，我不是以为自己已经取得了，我只有一件事，就是忘记背后，努力面前的，

腓 3:14 向着标竿竭力追求，要得神在基督耶稣里，召我向上去得的奖赏。

约 5:39 你们查考圣经，因你们以为其中有永远的生命，为我作见证的就是这经。

约 5:40 然而你们不肯到我这里来得生命。

林后 3:6 祂使我们够资格作新约的执事，这些执事不是属于字句，乃是属于灵，因为那字句杀死人，那灵却叫人活。

加 5:22 但那灵的果子，就是爱、喜乐、和平、恒忍、恩慈、良善、信实、

加 5:23 温柔、节制；这样的事，没有律法反对。

太 5:5 温柔的人有福了，因为他们必承受地土。

太 5:6 饥渴慕义的人有福了，因为他们必得饱足。

太 5:7 怜悯人的人有福了，因为他们必蒙怜悯。

太 5:8 清心的人有福了，因为他们必看见神。

太 5:9 制造和平的人有福了，因为他们必称为神的儿子。

Phil. 3:7 But what things were gains to me, these I have counted as loss on account of Christ.

Phil. 3:8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ

Phil. 3:9 And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is out of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is out of God and based on faith,

Phil. 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Phil. 3:11 If perhaps I may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead.

Phil. 3:12 Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

Phil. 3:13 Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,

Phil. 3:14 I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that testify concerning Me.

John 5:40 Yet you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

2 Cor. 3:6 Who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, ministers not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Gal. 5:23 Meekness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Matt. 5:5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Matt. 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Matt. 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy.

Matt. 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Matt. 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.