

The Love Disciple

LOVE'S APPLICATION

Directions for action for New Testament Disciples:

<u>GENERAL LOVE ATTITUDES</u> – 1st Corinthians 13, Philippians 2, Ephesians 4:22-5:2, Romans 12, Colossians 3, Romans 13:8-14

TOWARD:

Authorities

Titus 3:1; Romans 13:1-5; Hebrews 13:7, 17; 2nd Peter 2:10; 1st Peter 2:13-17; 1st Thessalonians 4:12-13

Body and mind

1st Corinthians 3-16-23, 6:9-20; Philippians 4:8-9; Romans 12:1-2

Borrowing

Romans 13:8; Deuteronomy 28:12; Psalm 37:21; Proverbs 22:7

Children

Ephesians 6:1-3

Christian community life

Romans 12:3-8, 14:7-9; 1st Corinthians 12:12-27; Hebrews 10:24-25; 1st Peter 4:10-11

Conscience issues

1st Corinthians 8, 10:23-33; Romans 14; 1st John 3:19-22

Court cases

1st Corinthians 6:1-8; Matthew 5:40

Division

1st Corinthians 1:9-13, 3:19, 18-23; James 3:13-17; Ephesians 4:1-6; Romans 16:17-20; Jude 16-19

Enemies

Romans 12:19-21; Matthew 5:38-48

Erring Christians

Galatians 6:1; Matthew 18:11-20; 1st Corinthians 5; 2nd Corinthians 2:6-11; James 5:19-20; 1st John 5:16

Fellow believers

Philippians 2:1-5, 14; 1st Thessalonians 4:11, 14; Galatians 6:2, 10; Hebrews 10:24, 12:12-15; 1st Peter 4:8; Jude 21-23

Fellowship with unbelievers

Ephesians 5:6-17; 2nd Corinthians 6:14-18; 2nd Peter 2:7-8

Heretics

2nd John 5-11; Romans 16:17-18; 1st Timothy 1:19-20; Titus 3:10-11; Matthew 7:15-20; 1st John 2:18-29, 4:1-6

Husbands

1st Corinthians 11:3, 16:13-14; 1st Peter 3:7; Ephesians 5:28, 33; Colossians 3:19

Judging

1st Corinthians 4:1-5; James 4:11-12; Matthew 7:1-5

Laziness and sloth

2nd Thessalonians 3:6-12, 15, 16; Romans 12:11; Hebrews 6:9-12

Making future plans

James 4:13-16; Proverbs 3:5-6

Marriage and divorce

1st Corinthians 7, Ephesians 5:22-33, Hebrews 13:4, Matthew 19:3-12, 5:27-32; Luke 16:15-18

Oaths and vows

Matthew 5:33-37, James 5:12

Oppressed of Satan (sickness and demons)

Mark 16:17-18; Luke 4:18-19; James 5:13-16; Luke 10:18-20

Parents

Ephesians 6:4-5; Genesis 18:19; Deuteronomy 6:4-8; Colossians 3:21; Matthew 18:10

Persecution for Word

James 5:8-11, Philippians 1:27-30; Romans 12:14; 1st Peter 2:19-25, 3:13-18, 4:12-19; Matthew 5:10-12, 10:16-40

Poor and needy

James 2:14-17; 2nd Corinthians 9:6-15; Romans 12:13, 1st John 3:16-18

Revenge

1st Thessalonians 4:15; Romans 12:17-18

Satan's wisdom vs. God's Wisdom James 3:13-18

Seeking wealth and covetousness Hebrews 13:5-6; 1st Timothy 6:5-14

Sign seekers

Matthew 16:1-4, 4:7; John 20-29

Strangers and unfortunate Hebrews 13:1-3; Matthew 25:34-46; 3rd John 4:5

Stronger or weaker Christians Romans 14, 15:7

Taxes

Romans 13:6-7; Matthew 22:17-21

Those of position and common degree James 2:1-13; Romans 12:16

To God

2nd Corinthians 5:14-15; Romans 14:7-8; Matthew 4:4, 10, 16:24-28, 22:37; Hebrews 13:15-16

To the rich

1st Timothy 6:17-19

To those who knowing the truth willfully reject God's word Matthew 7:6, 10:14-15, 15:12-14, 24:8-14

True religion

James 1:26-27; Isaiah 58:6-11

Unsaved

Philippians 2:14-16; 2nd Corinthians 4:1-6; 1st Peter 2:11-12, 3:15-16; Matthew 9:12-13, 28:19-20

Use of tongue James 3:1-12; Ephesians 4:29, 5:4-7; Matthew 12:34-37; 1 st Peter 4:11
Users and abusers 2 nd Thessalonians 3:13; Matthew 5:41-42
When arguments arise Colossians 3:13; 1 st Peter 3:8-12
When doing good Ephesians 6:6-8, Colossians 3:23-25; 2 nd Thessalonians 3:13; Galatians 6:9-10; Hebrews 13:16; Matthew 6:1-6; 3 rd John 11; 1 st Peter 4:9; James 4:17
When someone prospers or grieves Romans 12-15; 1 st Corinthians 12:26
When you are wronged or offended Matthew 18:10-35, 6:14-15
When you have wronged or offended someone 1 st John 1:9; James 5:16; Matthew 5:21-26, 18:7-9
Wives 1 st Peter 3:1-6; Titus 2:3-5; 1 st Corinthians 11:3, 7, 9

LOVE'S WISDOM TAKEN FROM PROVERBS

Proverbs is a book of practical wisdom for the seeker of God. God is a searcher of the thoughts and intentions of our hearts. As His love disciples, we must learn the wisdom of God which will cause us to understand our motives and other's motives that we might prosper in God's way and avoid the pitfalls of Satan.

Included here are a few topics recorded in Proverbs. There are other areas which you can study on your own. How we detect and respond to wrong attitudes in ourselves and others will determine whether we succeed or fail.

<u>Arrogance:</u> 8:13, 19:25<mark>, 21:4, 21:24</mark>

Backbiting: 11:9, 25:23, 26:22

<u>Contentiousness:</u> 3:30, 10:12, 13:10, 17:14, 18:6, 18:18-19, 19:13, 21:19, 22:10, 23:29-30, 26:20-21, 27:15, 29:9

<u>Deception:</u> 6:17, 10:18, 11:18, 12:5, 12:17, 12:20, 14:8, 14:25, 19:1, 20:17, 23:6-8, 24:28-29, 26:17-19, 26:24, 26:26, 27:6, 29:13

Drunkenness: 20:1, 21:17, 23:19-21, 23:29-35

<u>False Witnessing:</u> 6:16-19, 12:17-19, 12:22, 13:5, 14:5, 14:25, 17:4, 19:5, 19:9, 19:28-29, 21:28, 24:28-29, 25:18

<u>Fear:</u>

3:21-26, 10:24, 20:2, 28:14, 29:25, 31:30

<u>Flattery:</u> 2:16, 7:5, 20:19, 28:23, 29:5

<u>Forwardness:</u> 2:10-15, 3:32, 4:24, 6:12-15, 8:8, 8:13, 10:31-32, 11:20, 12:8, 16:28-30, 17:20, 21:8, 22:5

<u>Gluttony:</u> 23:21

<u>Greed:</u> 1:19, 15:27, 28:22

<u>Hypocrisy:</u> 11:9

<u>Meddling:</u> 20:19, 24:21, 26:17, 20:3

<u>Mocking:</u> 14:9, 17:5, 20:1, 30:17

Nastiness: 14:29, 19:2, 21:5, 25:8, 29:20

<u>Pride:</u>

6:16-19, 8:13, 11:2, 13:10, 14:3, 15:25, 16:5, 16:18-19, 18:12, 21:24, 26:12, 28:25, 29:23

<u>Scorn:</u>

1:22, 3:34, 9:7-8, 9:12, 10:12, 13:1, 14:6, 15:12, 17:19, 19:25, 19:29, 20:3, 21:11, 21:24, 22:10, 22:24-25, 24:9, 25:8, 26:24-26, 28:25, 29:8, 29:22

Simple minded – foolishness:

1:22, 1:32, 7:7, 7:22, 8:5, 10:13, 12:15-16, 14:7, 16:22, 17:7, 17:10, 17:12, 17:16, 17:18, 17:21, 17:24-25, 17:28, 18:2, 18:6-7, 18:13, 19:1-3, 19:10, 19:13, 19:20, 20:1, 21:15-16, 21:20, 22:15, 23:9, 24:7, 24:10, 26:1-12, 27:3, 27:22, 28:26, 29:9, 29:11, 29:20, 30:32

<u>Sloth:</u>

12:24, 12:27, 15:19, 18:9, 19:24, 21:25-26, 22:13, 24:30, 26:13-15

<u>Talebearing and lying:</u> 6:16-19, 10:18, 11:13, 12:6, 12:19, 12:22, 13:5, 14:5, 14:25, 18:8, 19:5, 19:9, 20:19, 26:20-28

<u>Unfaithfulness:</u> 25:19

Whispering: 16:28

Wicked and evil people:

1:16, 2:12-16, 2:22, 3:25, 3:29, 3:33, 4:14-19, 5:22-23, 6:12-15, 6:16-19, 6:20-16, 7:10, 8:7, 9:7, 10:2-3, 10:6-7, 10:11, 10:16, 10:20, 10:25, 10:27, 10:30, 10:32, 11:5, 11:7-8, 11:10-11, 11:18-29, 12:5-7, 12:10, 12:12-13, 12:20, 12:26, 13:5-6, 16:4, 16:27-28, 17:4, 17:11, 17:13, 17:15, 17:23, 18:5, 19:28, 21:10, 24:1-2, 24:19-22, 28:1, 28:4-5, 28:12, 28:28, 29:6-7, 29:16, 29:27

Wisdom:

1:5-6, 2:1-22, 3:1-35, 4:5-7, 5:1-2, 7:1-4, 8:11-12, 8:33-36, 9:1, 9:8-12, 10:1, 10:5, 10:8-9, 10:14, 12:1, 12:8, 12:15-16, 12:18, 12:23, 13:1, 13:10, 13:14-16, 13:20, 14:1, 14:3, 14:6, 14:8, 14:11-12, 14:16, 14:18, 14:24, 14:32-33, 14:35, 15:2, 15:5, 15:7, 15:20-21, 15:24, 15:31, 15:33, 16:16, 16:21, 16:23, 17:2, 17:4, 17:10, 17:20, 17:26, 21:11-12, 21:20, 21:22, 22:17, 23:15, 23:19, 23:24, 24:5-6, 24:23, 24:26, 26:12, 26:16, 27:11, 28:7, 28:11, 28:26, 29:9-11

<u>Wrath:</u>

11:4, 11:23, 12:16, 14:16-17, 14:29, 15:1, 15:18, 19:19, 21:14, 21:24, 22:24-25, 24:17-18, 27:3-4, 29:8, 29:22, 30:33

MINISTERING DISCIPLES' ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS

As ministering disciples of Jesus, it is important we develop attitudes and actions which suit our calling. Paul, under the Holy Spirit's guidance, instructed Timothy and Titus about practical guidelines for their personal discipline and the discipline of the ministry which God had given them.

Included here for your study are various attitudes and actions listed in 1st and 2nd Timothy and Titus. We would encourage you to read through these books and underline in separate colors the different attitudes and actions listed. Then meditate upon how the attitudes can be developed within you. Determine the meanings of each quality.

Attitudes to Develop:

1st Timothy —

- 1. love out of a pure heart and good conscience and faith unfeigned (1:5)
- 2. pray without wrath and doubting (2:8)
- 3. be an example in charity, spirit, faith, purity (4:12)
- 4. be not neglectful of God's gift (4:14)
- 5. meditate upon these things (4:15)
- 6. take heed of (examine) yourself (4:16)
- 7. honor elders (5:1-3)
- 8. don't prefer certain people or show partiality (5:21)
- 9. keep yourself pure (5:22)
- 10. avoid and flee world and wealth (6:3-10)
- 11. seek godliness and contentment (6:6-8)
- 12. follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness (6:11)
- 13. praise God (6:15-16)

2nd Timothy —

14.desire fellowship (1:3-4) 15. have confidence in others (1:5) 16. have boldness for the Lord and His word (1:8) 17. have boldness of conviction (1:12) 18 be strong in grace (2:1)19. endure (2:3, 10) 20. be pleasing to God (2:4)21. obey (2:5) 22. be teachable (2:7)23. be dead to old self, alive to God with new self (2:11) 24. don't strive or quarrel (2:24) 25.be gentle (2:24) 26. be apt to teach (2:24) 27. be patient (2:24) 28. in meekness instruct others (2:25) 29. (Take the qualities listed in 3:2-5 and list the opposite qualities for the attitudes we need developed) 30. be willing to be an example to others (3:10) 31. be willing to undergo persecution for your faith when it arises (3:12) 32. be perfected in all good works (3:17) 33. have long suffering and perseverance (4:2)

- 34. be not vengeful (4:14)
- 35. be confident of God's deliverance (4:18)

Titus —

36. be blameless (1:7)
37. be not self-willed (1:7)
38. be not easily angered (1:7)
39. be not given to wine (1:7)
40. be no striker (not violent) (1:7)
41. be not given to filthy lucre (not greedy) (1:7)
42. love hospitality (1:8)
43. love good things (1:8)
44. be sober (1:8)
45. be just (1:8)

- 46.be holy (1:8)
- 47. be temperate (1:8)
- 48. rely on God's word (1:9)
- 49. don't teach Word for money (1:11)
- 50. desire consistency of belief and action (1:15-16)
- 51. have purity of mind and conscience (1:15)
- 52. in doctrinal matters be incorruptible (2:7), grave (2:7), sincere (2:7), have sound speech (2:7)
- 53. don't purloin but show good fidelity (faithfulness) (2:10)
- 54. deny ungodliness and worldly lusts (2:12)
- 55. desire to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this world (2:12)
- 56. anticipate Jesus' return (2:13)
- 57. be zealous of good works (2:14)
- 58. be gentle, showing meekness to all men (3:2)
- 59. have balance in witnessing by relying on God's love (3:3-7)

Actions to Perform:

1st Timothy —

- 1. Concern self with faith building and godly pursuits that edify, and avoid senseless questions, fables, genealogies, babblings, arguments or science. (1st Timothy 1:4, 6:20-21, 2nd Timothy 2:16, Titus 3:9)
- 2. Pray for all men, especially authorities (1st Timothy 2:1-2) lifting up holy hands (2:8)
- 3. (Directions for selection of church leaders) (3:1-12)
- 4. (Directions for dietary sanctification) (4:4-5)
- 5. Remind people with words of faith and good doctrine (4:6)
- 6. Refuse profane and old wives' fables, (worldly reasonings and ways) (4:7)
- 7. Exercise godly pursuits (eternal results).
- 8. Exercise physically (temporary results) (4:7-8)
- 9. Let no one despise your youth be example for believers in word and in way of life (4:12)
- 10. Pay attention to reading, exhortation, and doctrine (4:13)
- 11. Stir up the gift that is in you (4:14, 2nd Timothy 1:6)
- 12. Meditate and give yourself completely to God's word and calling (4:15)
- 13. Examine self and continue in God's truths to save self and others (4:16)

- 14. Do not rebuke elders, but appeal to them (5:1)
- 15. Treat older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, younger men as brothers, older men as dads (5:1-2)
- 16. Honor widows (5:3)
- 17. (Directions for dealing with widows in church) (5:3-16)
- 18. Provide for one's family (5:8)
- 19. Honor and support God's laborers (5:17-18)
- 20. Do not accuse God's laborers, except by two or three witnesses (5:19)
- 21. Openly rebuke laborers who have publicly errored (5:20)
- 22. Do not ordain without proving (5:22)
- 23. Do not partake in other man's sins keep self-pure (5:22)
- 24. Flee worldly pursuits. Follow godly ways (6:11)
- 25. Fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold of eternal life. Profess a good profession of faith. (6:12)
- 26. Obey this commandment (and all commandments) without fail (6:14)
- 27. Directions to tell the rich (6:17-19)

2nd Timothy —

- 28. Partake of affliction of gospel according to power of God (1:8)
- 29. Hold fast sound words in faith and love (1:13)
- 30. Commit what you learn to faithful men who will be able to teach others (2:2)
- 31. Tell people not to strive about words (2:14)
- 32. Remind them of truth (2:8-13)
- 33. Study God's word and rightly interpret it (2:15)
- 34. Depart from iniquity (2:19)
- 35. Purge self to be pure vessel (2:21)
- 36. Flee youthful lusts. Follow God's qualities (2:22)
- 37. Avoid foolish and unlearned questions which try to create strife (2:23)
- 38. Do not quarrel with, but instruct, those that oppose themselves (2:24, 25)
- 39. Turn away from those listed (3:2-5)
- 40. Continue in truths of God's word (3:14)
- 41. Preach the word at every opportunity (4:2)
- 42. Reprove, rebuke, exhort (4:2)
- 43. Watch, endure afflictions, fulfill your calling, make full proof of your ministry (4:5)

Titus —

- 41. Delegate authority (1:5)
- 42. Stop mouths of subvertors of Gospel (1:11) Rebuke them sharply (1:13)
- 43. Do not follow commandments or traditions of men (1:14)
- 44. Speak counsel to various age groups (2:1-6)
- 45. Speak and exhort counsel (2:12-14)
- 46. Rebuke with all authority (2:15)
- 47. Remind people to obey authority, do good works, speak evil of no one (3:1-2)
- 48. Affirm to people to be certain to maintain good works (3:8)
- 49. Reject a heretic (person who has willfully, knowingly rejected truth) after two admonitions (3:10-11)
- 50. Instruct people to perform honest trade for earning living (3:14)