

My Heart and Spiritual Condition Moving From Good, To Better, To Best!

Foundation Verses:

- **2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)** ¹⁸ So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.
- **Matthew 5:14–16 (NLT)** ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.
- **1 Peter 2:12 (NLT)** ¹² Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.

Title Session #6: Signs of God in His People! (You Good, Better, and Best!):

See God’s Goodness!, His Plan For You!, & How He Moves People To Better & Best!

1. You Look Like Jesus

- **1 John 2:6 (NLT)** ⁶ Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.
- **1 Corinthians 11:1 (NLT)** ^{11:1} And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.
- **Romans 8:29 (NLT)** ²⁹ For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.
- **Galatians 2:20 (NLT)** ²⁰ My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

2. You Look Like The Gifts of The Holy Spirit

- **Galatians 5:22–23a (NLT)** ²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control...
- **1 Corinthians 12:4–11 (NLT)** ⁴ There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. ⁶ God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. ⁷ A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. ⁸ To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. ⁹ The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. ¹⁰ He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the

ability to interpret what is being said. ¹¹ It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

- **1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)** ¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

3. You Humble – (Surrender & Humility)

Surrender:

- **Luke 9:23 (NLT)** ²³ Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me."

Humble:

- **James 4:6 (NLT)** ⁶ And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
- **Proverbs 11:2 (NLT)** ² Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.
- **Colossians 3:12 (NLT)** ¹² Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Be Humble before God, fellow believers, elders, others:

- **Micah 6:8 (NLT)** ⁸ No, O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.
- **Ephesians 4:2–3 (NLT)** ² Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. ³ Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.
- **1 Peter 5:5 (NLT)** ⁵ In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
- **Philippians 2:3–8 (NLT)** ³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.
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4. You Loving People –(Charity, Connecting With People, Forgiveness, Friendship)

- **Matthew 22:36–40 (NLT)** ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" ³⁷ Jesus replied, " 'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: 'Love your

neighbor as yourself.”⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

- **1 Corinthians 13:1–7 (NLT) *Love Is the Greatest*** If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but **didn't love others**, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.² If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but **didn't love others**, I would be nothing.³ If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; **but if I didn't love others**, I would have gained nothing.
⁴ Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud⁵ or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.⁶ It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.⁷ Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.
- **John 13:34 (NLT)**³⁴ So now I am giving you a new commandment: **Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.**
- **1 John 4:8 (NLT)**⁸ But **anyone who does not love** **does not know God,** **for God is love.**

Forgiveness

- Ephesians 4:32 (NLT)³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another**, just as **God through Christ has forgiven you.**
- Matthew 6:14–15 (NLT)¹⁴ **“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you.¹⁵ But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.**
- Mark 11:24–25 (NLT)²⁴ I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours.²⁵ But when you are praying, **first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against**, so that **your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.”**
- Romans 12:10 (NLT)¹⁰ **Love each other with genuine affection**, and **take delight in honoring each other.**

5. You Loving God

- **Mark 12:30 (NLT)**³⁰ And you must **love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.**
- **John 14:15 (NLT)**¹⁵ **“If you love me, obey my commandments.**
- **1 John 5:3 (NLT)**³ **Loving God** means **keeping his commandments**, and his commandments are not burdensome.
- **1 John 4:19 (NLT)**¹⁹ We love each other because **he loved us first.**

6. You Loving His Word

- **Psalms 119:103 (NLT)**¹⁰³ How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey.
- **Psalms 119:105 (NLT)**¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.
- **Luke 11:28 (NLT)**²⁸ Jesus replied, **“But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice.”**
- **John 17:17 (NLT)**¹⁷ **Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.**

- **Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)** ¹² For the word of God is **alive and powerful**. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.
- **2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)** ¹⁶ **All Scripture is inspired by God** and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.
- **John 10:10 (NLT)** ¹⁰ **The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. – (the abundant life comes from Jesus, but is in part communicated through the Word.)**

7. You With Amazing Wisdom

- **Proverbs 14:12 (NLT)** ¹² There is a path before each person that seems right, **but it ends in death.**
- **Proverbs 12:15 (NLT)** ¹⁵ Fools think their own way is right, but the **wise** listen to others.
- **Proverbs 3:13–18 (NLT)** ¹³ **Joyful** is the person **who finds wisdom**, the one who gains understanding. ¹⁴ For **wisdom** is **more profitable** than silver, and her wages are better than gold. ¹⁵ **Wisdom** is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. ¹⁶ She offers you long life in her right hand, and riches and honor in her left. ¹⁷ She will guide you down delightful paths; all her ways are satisfying. ¹⁸ **Wisdom** is a tree of life to those who embrace her; happy are those who hold her tightly.
- **James 3:13–18 (NLT)** **True Wisdom Comes from God** ¹³ If you are **wise and understand God's ways**, **prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.** ¹⁴ But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. ¹⁵ For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. ¹⁶ For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind. ¹⁷ But the **wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.** ¹⁸ And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

God Gives Wisdom

- **James 1:5 (NLT)** ⁵ **If you need wisdom**, **ask our generous God**, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

Prayer Questions or Thoughts:

Or Discussion Questions:

1. Do I look like Jesus? In other words, do I say what Jesus wants me say, do I do what Jesus would do?
2. Do people see the fruit, or gifts of the spirit in me?
3. Do people see humility in you?
4. Do people see you loving people that can't reward you? Do they see you forgive?
5. Do they people know I love God?
6. Do people see me loving His Word or Guidance?
7. Do I exemplify Godly wisdom in my life? Do people see God's wisdom is better than my wisdom?