

Session #7 Signs of God In His People (You Good, Better, and Best!)

Through this, we want you to see God's goodness, His plan for you, and how He moves people from good to best!

## Four Foundational Verses:

- A. **Romans 12:1–2 (NLT) *A Living Sacrifice to God*** And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. **Let them be a living and holy sacrifice**—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. <sup>2</sup> **Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.** Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.
- B. **2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)** <sup>18</sup> 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.**
- C. **Matthew 5:14–16 (NLT)** <sup>14</sup> **"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.** <sup>15</sup> **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.** <sup>16</sup> **In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.**
- D. **1 Peter 2:12a (NLT)** <sup>12</sup> Be careful to **live properly among your unbelieving neighbors....**

8. You Morally Pure In Action and Heart

**Romans 6:6–14 (NLT)** <sup>6</sup> We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. **We are no longer slaves to sin.** <sup>7</sup> For when **we died with Christ** we **were set free from the power of sin.** <sup>8</sup> And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. <sup>10</sup> When he died, **he died once to break the power of sin.** But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. <sup>11</sup> So you also **should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin** and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

<sup>12</sup> **Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires.** <sup>13</sup> Do not let any part of your **body become an instrument of evil to serve sin.** Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. <sup>14</sup> **Sin is no longer your master,** for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.

Repentance – Turning From Old Ways (Sin):

- **Luke 24:46–47 (NLT)** <sup>46</sup> And he said, **"Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day.** <sup>47</sup> **It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.'**
- **2 Peter 3:9 (NLT)** <sup>9</sup> The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to **repent.**

## Those who do wrong, do not inherit the kingdom of God!

- **1 Corinthians 6:9–11 (NLT)** <sup>9</sup> Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, <sup>10</sup> or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.
- **Mark 7:20–23 (NLT)** <sup>20</sup> And then he added, "It is what comes from inside that defiles you. <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you." *(Jesus addressed the heart issue – the sin inside, not food, defiles you, it's sin.)*
- **Galatians 5:19–21 (NLT)** <sup>19</sup> When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

**1 Peter 1:13–16 (NLT) A Call to Holy Living** <sup>13</sup> So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. <sup>14</sup> So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. <sup>15</sup> But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. <sup>16</sup> For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

## 9. You Full of Joy & Celebration

(Hope, Abundant Life, Happiness, Celebration That Never Ends)

- **1 Peter 1:8–9 (NLT)** <sup>8</sup> You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. <sup>9</sup> The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.
- **Romans 15:13 (NLT)** <sup>13</sup> I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **Philippians 4:4 (NLT)** <sup>4</sup> Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!

## Celebration Never Ends:

- **Luke 10:20 (NLT)** <sup>20</sup> But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven."

- **Luke 15:23–24 (NLT)** <sup>23</sup> And kill the calf we have been fattening. **We must celebrate with a feast,** <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ **So the party began.**
- SD - We are the only people on earth that should really be celebrating every day of our life?!!***
- **John 3:16 (NLT)** <sup>16</sup> “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will **not perish** but **have eternal life.**
- **John 15:9–11 (NLT)** <sup>9</sup> “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> **I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!**
- **John 10:10 (NLT)** <sup>10</sup> The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

## **10. You Being Stable & Strong**

**We are not full of anger, not selfishness, not disunity, not fear, not wishy washiness, not following every trend, not dramatic, not devastated by every problem, not overly dependent on victories, not expecting perfection in this fallen world!**

- **Isaiah 40:28–31 (NLT)** <sup>28</sup> Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. **He never grows weak or weary.** No one can measure the depths of his understanding. <sup>29</sup> **He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.** <sup>30</sup> Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. <sup>31</sup> **But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.**
- **John 17:20–22 (NLT)** <sup>20</sup> “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. <sup>21</sup> I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. <sup>22</sup> “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one.
- **God is stable and strong, as we connect to Him and as we connect to one another, we are strong!**
- **Psalms 62:1–2 (NLT)** <sup>1</sup> I wait quietly before God, for **my victory comes from him.** <sup>2</sup> **He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will never be shaken.**
- **Psalms 18:2 (NLT)** <sup>2</sup> **The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety.**
- **Psalms 46:1–3 (NLT)** <sup>1</sup> **God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.** <sup>2</sup> **So we will not fear** when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea. <sup>3</sup> Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!