

Session #8 Signs of God In His People (Cont. #11-#12)Goal: See God's Goodness! See his Plan For You! See How He Moves People From Good, To Better, To Best!Signs of God in People (You Good, Better, and Best!)

1. You Look Like Jesus
2. You Look Like The Fruit and Gifts of The Holy Spirit
3. You Humble
4. You Loving People
5. You Loving God
6. You Loving His Word
7. You With Amazing Wisdom
8. You Morally Pure In Action and Your Mind
9. You Full of Joy and Celebration (Continually Because of Salvation)
10. You Being Stable and Strong
11. You Taking Responsibility Seriously
12. You Speaking Words of Life, Encouragement, Faith, and Truth

Foundation Verses

Romans 12:1–2 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. ² 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.

2 Corinthians 3:18 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 2:12a (NLT) ¹² Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors....

11. You Taking Responsibility Seriously (Stewardship, Responsibility, Do your work as unto the Lord)

Work heartily Colossians 3:23–24 (NLT) ²³ Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. ²⁴ Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.

NASB95 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,

NIV Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,

MSG Work from the heart for your real Master, for God,

ESV Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

NET Whatever you are doing, work at it with enthusiasm, as to the Lord and not for people,

NKJV And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

YLT and all, whatever ye may do—out of soul work—as to the Lord, and not to men,

(Young's Literal Translation (YLT) is a strictly word-for-word English translation of the Bible published in 1862 by Scottish scholar and publisher Robert Young.)

Take Your Ministry Responsibility Seriously

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 NASB95 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Take Care of What You Have Been Given, Including The Truth!

Matthew 25:14–30 (NLT) Parable of the Three Servants ¹⁴ “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. ¹⁵ He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip. ¹⁶ “The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. ¹⁷ The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. ¹⁸ But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money. ¹⁹ “After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. ²⁰ The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’ ²¹ “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ ²² “The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’ ²³ “The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ ²⁴ “Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. ²⁵ I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’ ²⁶ “But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate, ²⁷ why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’ ²⁸ “Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. ²⁹ To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. ³⁰ Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

- **Practical and Spiritual Point:** Those who develop skills and take care of their responsibility well are eventually rewarded.
- **Practical and Spiritual Point:** If you don’t take care of your responsibility or assignment well, what you have been given will be taken away and it will cost you.
- **Eternal Point:** If you hear the message of Eternal Life Through Belief and Surrender to Jesus, but do nothing about it, you do not have eternal life.

Believers Are Responsible

1 Timothy 5:8 (NLT) ⁸ But those who won’t care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.

(Being a believer in Jesus causes us to do the right thing, the God thing, the loving thing, the responsible thing! To not be responsible is the opposite of a believer in Jesus.)-(in other words, believers take their responsibility seriously.) – Responsibility is a characteristic of Godly people

12. You Speaking Words of Life - (Encouragement, Faith, and Truth)

The Words That Flow From Our Mouth Are Powerful to Bring Goodness & Blessing, or Death & Harm!

Proverbs 18:21 (NLT) ²¹ The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences.

NASB95 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

NIV The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

James 3:1–12 (NLT) *Controlling the Tongue* Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. ² Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. ³ We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. ⁴ And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. ⁵ In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. ⁶ And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself. ⁷ People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. ¹⁰ And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! ¹¹ Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? ¹² Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring.

Proverbs 12:18 (NLT) ¹⁸ Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing.

NIV The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Matthew 12:35–37 (NASB95) ³⁵ "The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil. ³⁶ "But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. ³⁷ "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

(Are my words unwholesome? You will be judged by every word. Is your heart really surrendered to Jesus? Some of us laugh when a mature Christians gets upset enough to say something unwise, or curse. Should we be instead... scared?)

Psalms 141:3 (NLT) ³ Take control of what I say, O LORD, and guard my lips.

NASB95 Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

Proverbs 15:1 (NLT) ¹ A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.

NKJV A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 10:19 (NLT) ¹⁹ Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut.

NASB95 When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, But he who restrains his lips is wise.

James 1:19 (NLT) ¹⁹ Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

Proverbs 15:28 (NLT) ²⁸ The heart of the godly **thinks carefully before speaking**; the mouth of the wicked **overflows with evil words.**

Romans 4:17 (NIV) ¹⁷ As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who **gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.**

NASB95 (as it is written, “A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU”) in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who **gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.**

NIV As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who **gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.**

Don't say the opposite of what God says with your words!!!!

Speak in Alignment With God's Words, Promises, and Perspectives!

Speak Godly positive declarations over our life and health and call things into reality!

Prayer Questions For This Week:

Point #11

- Do I take my responsibility (Family, Work, Ministry, Possessions) seriously?
- Do I do those things willingly, with all my heart, enthusiastically, from my soul?
- Have I proven I am responsible? If you were God, would you trust you with more?

Point #12

- If my words reveal the real me, is the real me aligning with God plan for the real me?
- Are my words healing? Am I bringing life?
- Are my words harsh? Am I negative? Am I too sarcastic?
- Do I bring heavy conversation at the wrong time?
- Am I trying to prove my ability and knowledge over others with my words?
- Am I speaking Gods perspective over situations? Do I use my words to declare life and health?