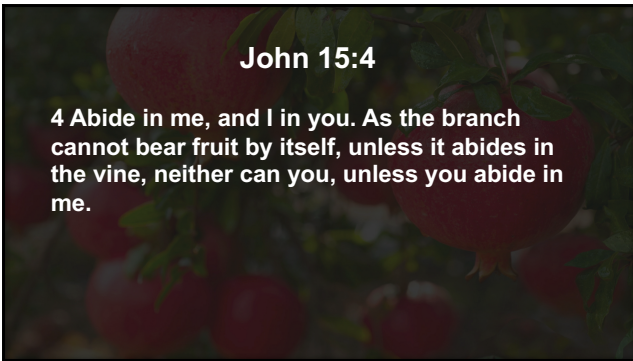
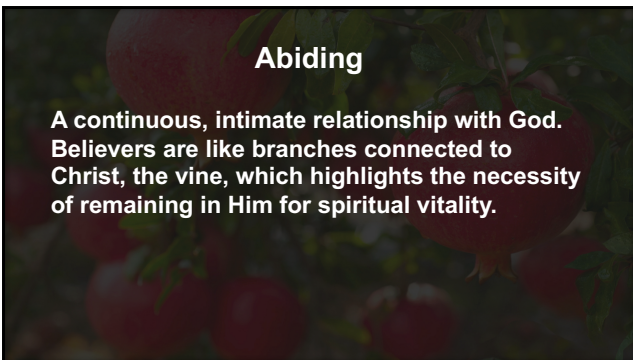




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Kindness (Actions)	The quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. It involves a tender concern for others.
Goodness (Motives)	The quality of being morally good or virtuous. It reflects uprightness and holiness in action.
Gentleness (Manner)	The quality of being mild and tender. It embodies humility and the ability to restrain one's strength

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Parable

A parable is a simple story that uses everyday imagery to reveal deep spiritual truths.

Parables invites listeners to lean in, reflect, and wrestle with what Jesus is really saying. For those with open hearts, these simple stories revealed deep spiritual truths. But for those who resist, the meaning remains hidden.

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Matthew 13:10-17

10 Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" 11 And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 12 For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

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Matthew 13:10-17

13 This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

14 Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

“You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.”

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Matthew 13:10-17

15 For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.'

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Matthew 13:10-17

16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. 17 For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

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John 16:29

29 His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! 30 Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God."

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A Parable Isn't Exactly an Illustration

"A good teacher can illustrate by stating a truth, and then illustrating the truth through a story or an analogy. But when Jesus used parables, He didn't start by stating a truth. Instead, the parable was like a doorway. Jesus' listeners stood at the doorway and heard Him. If they were not interested, they stayed on the outside. - Guzik

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A Parable Isn't Exactly an Illustration

"But if they were interested, they could walk through the doorway, and think more about the truth behind the parable and what it meant to their life." - Guzik

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Luke 10:25-37

25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" 27 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

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Eternal Life

Eternal life doesn't refer to duration of life, because every person's spirit is immortal, either in heaven or hell.

Eternal life is a particular quality of life; a spiritual life that comes from God, and a life we can have right now.

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Jesus' Preaching Strategy

Give the Law to the Proud
Give mercy to the Broken

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Luke 10:25-37

28 And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." 29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.

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Luke 10:25-37

31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

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Luke 10:25-37

33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

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Samaritans Easton's Bible Dictionary

- Displaced Peoples whom the Assyrian King Esarhaddon (B.C. 677) brought from Babylon
- Settled in the cities of Samaria, instead of the Jews he had removed into captivity.
- "Strangers" who inter-married with the Jews, and gradually adopted a hybrid Jewish religion.

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Samaritans Easton's Bible Dictionary

- Enmity with the Jews returning from Babylonian Captivity who refused to allow them to help rebuild the temple in Jerusalem
- The Samaritans erected a rival temple on Mount Gerizim, later rebuilt in the town of Shechem

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Focus Samaritans Enmity with the Jews

- Religious
- Ethnic - Cultural
- Militarily (historical)

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2 Chronicles 28:8-9

8 The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. 9 But a prophet of the Lord was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them,

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2 Chronicles 28:15-9

15 And the men who have been mentioned by name (Elders of Israel) rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees.

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Luke 10:25-37

34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

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Luke 10:25-37

36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" **37** He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

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Psalms 36:7 KJV

"How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings."

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John 15:4

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

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