

**A: Personal and ecclesia activities**

**\* List programs and services that assist the New Creation**

Jesus Promise:

Mat 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Ecclesia Should be: R3534 "Society of Encouragers"

Purpose of the Meetings:

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

Types of Meetings:

Testimony Meetings – Recent Experiences

2Co 1:3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

2Co 1:4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

R5384: HOW TO GET DOUBLE EFFECT: "By following the method of calling upon one here, and one there, we get double effect."

Devotional Meetings - Prayer meetings

Instruction

Discourses by Elders – Unified, connected lesson

Berean Studies – Dawn Circles – Volume studies

Topical Studies – specific topics

Participation is essential:

Gal\_6:6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Business Meetings – The Lord’s business in the ecclesia

Helps to the Brethren:

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Development of Elders –

F281 – Each Ecclesia should thus be a theological seminary from which efficient teachers would continually be going forth to wider fields of service

Support, Admonitions and Decorum:

1Th 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

1Th 5:15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

1Th 5:16 Rejoice evermore.

1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

1Th 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1Th 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.

1Th 5:20 Despise not prophesyings.

1Th 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

1Th 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom 15:1 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Decorum:

Act\_7:33 Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

Ecc 5:1 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear

#### Preparations for and Observance of the Lord's Memorial

Provide Baptism opportunities and instruction to those who have consecrated and wish to symbolize

#### Washing One Another's Feet

Joh 13:14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

#### Proper Provoking:

Heb\_10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

#### Assembling Ourselves Together: Meetings, Conventions, Fellowship

Heb\_10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Forsake not the assembling

Mal 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

#### Preferring One Another:

Rom 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another;

#### Witnessing – Personal and Collective

#### Question & Answer Services

#### R3593 BECAUSE THE DAYS ARE EVIL: HELPFUL RULES FOR DAILY LIFE

I. Let each resolve to mind his own business.

- II. We should exercise great patience with others and their faults--more than in dealing with ourselves and our own short-comings.
- III. Do not be touchy and easily offended.
- IV. If you have been slandered, you may explain, to set yourself right, either publicly or privately; but surely avoid doing more than this.
- V. Evil speaking, backbiting and slandering are strictly forbidden to God's people, as wholly contrary to his spirit of love--even if the evil thing be true.
- VI. God's people should beware of pride as they would avoid the most deadly plague.
- VII. Be pure: maintain a conscience void of offense toward God and men.
- VIII. Let us seek more and more to understand and come into sympathy with the principles which underlie the divine law.
- IX. Shun a contentious and fault-finding disposition as contrary to the spirit or disposition of Christ-- contrary to love.
- X. Beware of all thoughts, feelings and conditions directly or remotely connected with malice, envy, strife, hatred. Give these no place in your heart even for a moment
- XI. Do not trust your conscience. If it were a sufficient guide you would have no need of the Scriptures.
- XII. Do not be bold, except for the right, the truth.

Letting our light shine

Witnessing – personal and collective

### **B: Personal needs**

\* How to address humanitarian needs, personal traumas and strengthen the spirit?

Oneness of the Body:

1Co 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

1Co 12:26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it.

Even Jesus needed encouragement:

After the 40 days and tempting of the Adversary:

Mat 4:11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

The thought of Gethsemane:

Heb\_5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

Some Scriptural Principles:

Gal\_6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

1Ti 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.

1Jn\_3:16 Hereby perceive we the love, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Mat\_12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Joh 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Joh 19:26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!

Joh 19:27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

Gal\_6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Act\_20:35 I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Faith shown by works:

Jas 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Jas 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

Jas 2:15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

Jas 2:16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

Jas 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Jas 2:18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.

Spiritual Sickness and Weakness:

Jas 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

Jas 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Support for Isolated Brethren

Comfort cards, zoom meetings, visits, phone calls, financial support

Use of our Talents:

Time, money, support, answers to problems, visiting, comforting, be a Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) (Act 4:36)

Financial support:

Php 4:18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God.

(Will a dark night curtail or end any or all of these things?)

Night Cometh - Joh\_9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Compare with Early Church:

Early Church was in no-man's land – Persecuted by Jews who rejected Jesus, and persecuted by Gentiles because Christians would not burn incense to pagan gods. Every day was a potential death sentence if they truly lived their faith. This made them really come alive. You have never really lived until you have found something that you are willing to die for.

Gods Promises are Sure:

Heb\_13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Php\_4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.