

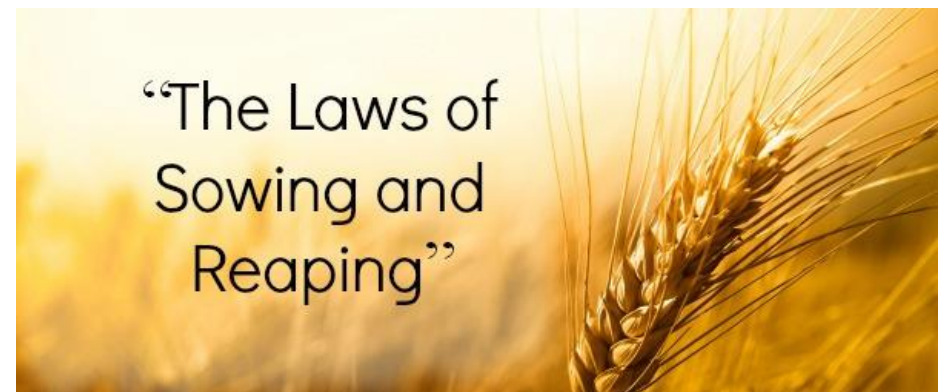
# BIBLES FOR KEYNA

## A Crossroad of Truth Missions Outreach Program

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### THE POWER OF THE WRITTEN WORD

“For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12



# Giving Principles

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## 1. Stewardship recognizes that ALL you have belongs to God.

- Luke 14:33 “whoever of you does not **forsake all** that he has cannot be My disciple.”
- “Forsake” means you must renounce all, not necessarily give it all.
- Woman who gave 2 mites (Mark 12:41-44); Mary anointed Jesus with all she had (Mark 14); Rich Young Ruler – Go sell all you have and follow Me.(Mark 10)

## 2. Giving is an act of Christian Grace

- 2 Cor. 8 – Giving is a grace on the same level as Love and Faith and is a barometer of spiritual life.
- Grace here means a **divine influence of the heart** (Strong's dict.) that results in an outcome on your life. God's grace is sufficient for us because it allows us to humble ourselves, withstand temptations, and be thankful even in times of suffering.
- The law of sowing and reaping is a divine law, and we need God's grace to move<sub>2</sub> our hearts to sacrifice what we have so another may benefit.

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## 3. Giving is God's Condition of Supply

- 2 Cor. 9:6 “He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
- Prov 11:24-25 “<sup>24</sup> There is *one* who scatters, yet increases more; **And there is *one* who withholds more than is right, But it *leads* to poverty.** <sup>25</sup> The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.
- Luke 6:38 “**Give, and it will be given to you...For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.**”
- Giving is the only thing God gives us permission to test him on (Mal. 3:10)

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## 4. Only What is Given Away is Saved.

### What is Kept is Lost.

- When you die, everything you have saved will be lost.
- God does not want you to save earthly money beyond your needs. He wants you to invest in the Eternal Souls of people.
- When you die and go to heaven, you will meet others who are there because you gave to missions in Africa.

### Math. 6:19-20; Math. 6:24

- <sup>19</sup> “**Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;** <sup>20</sup> **but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,** where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- <sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and mammon.**

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## 5. Giving is Evidence of Genuine Love

- 2 Cor. 8:8 “... **I am testing the sincerity of your love...**”
- Giving is an act of Love, and we show our love by giving
- This is so with human love and love towards God.
- Actions speak louder than Words.
- You say you love Jesus, but have you proved it to Him by giving to Him.
- Giving to God is not just for those with excess, but everyone, no matter how little you have are expected by God to give something to Him.
- **God looks at the motive of the heart, not at the amount of the gift.**
- God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Cor. 9:7)
- It is more blessed to give than to receive.(Acts 20:35)

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## 6. Few Christians Can be Trusted with Great Wealth

- Matthew 25:14-30 **The Parable of the Talents**
- <sup>14</sup> “For *the kingdom of heaven is* like a man traveling to a far country, *who* called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. <sup>15</sup> **And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.** <sup>16</sup> Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. <sup>17</sup> And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. <sup>19</sup> After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.
- <sup>20</sup> “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ <sup>21</sup> His lord said to him, **‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’** ...
- <sup>24</sup> “Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you **to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.** <sup>25</sup> **And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground.** Look, *there* you have *what is yours.*’
- <sup>26</sup> “But his lord answered and said to him, **‘You wicked and lazy servant...’** <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents.
- <sup>29</sup> **‘For to everyone who has, more will be given,** and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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## 7. Giving should be Systematic, Individual, Proportionate, Spontaneous, Secret

- **1 Cor. 16:2** “... On the *first day* of the week (**systematic**) let each one of you (**individual responsibility**) lay something aside, **storing up as he may prosper** (**proportional to your wealth**), that there be no collections when I come (**don't wait until the need arises**) ....”
- **Matthew 6:1-4**
- “Take heed that you **do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.** <sup>2</sup> Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> that your **charitable deed may be in secret**; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

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## 8. God will Hold You Responsible for Where You Give Your Money

- The Important question is where to give your money.
- Is it the will of God and have you prayed to seek God's will
- Investing money unwisely is no better than not giving at all
- Questions to ask before giving:
  - Is the work to be done: Spiritual and Eternal, or is it only in the realm of social services?
  - Does the organization believe in a liberal, non-traditional interpretation of the Bible and in Jesus?
  - Is all work being done in the public proclamation of the name of the Lord Jesus Christ?
  - Does your giving further the sharing of the Gospel with a lost world?
  - Does the organization given to require high salaries and overheads to function? Is your money going to luxurious church buildings and non-essential "programs" rather than souls?
  - What are the results and how are results measured?



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## 9. Do it Now – Don't Wait!

**John 9:4 “ I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the night is coming when no one can work.*”**

- You may die today and then stand before the Lord at the Judgement Seat of Christ.
- Have you done all you could and invested your “talents” wisely?
- How will you explain why you died with lots of money in the earthly bank?
- God never intended you to leave your money to others in your will, except just enough to care for others who are dependent on you. He intended you to use it for His Kingdom purposes.
- Don't leave your money to those who will only use it for Satan's purposes after you are gone.
- Use your funds now, and discharge your responsibility for the stewardship of God's resources.

# The Supreme Test

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**“...DO YOU LOVE ME?...”**

## John 21

# Jesus' Last Words

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## Jesus Last Question

**“Do you love Me?”** – John 21:17

## Jesus' Last Commands

**“Feed My Sheep”** - John 21:17

**“Follow Me”** - John 21:19

# Food is the Word of God

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## 1 Peter 2:1-3

<sup>2</sup> as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

## Deuteronomy 8:3 (Matt. 4:4)

<sup>3</sup> So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that **man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.**

## Hebrews 5:12-14

<sup>12</sup> For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. <sup>13</sup> For **everyone who partakes *only* of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.** <sup>14</sup> **But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**

John 21:19

# Jesus' Last Command

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## **“FOLLOW ME”**

- This is what Jesus commands of all Christians. It's much more than a “decision” and partial obedience.
- This is about discipleship, and the cost is high. (Matt. 10)
- Are you committed to be a disciple of Christ?...Prove it!

## **“Do you love Me?...Feed My Sheep”**

- Jesus will hold you accountable at the Judgement Seat of Christ and your heavenly rewards will be determined by it.

# The Great Commission

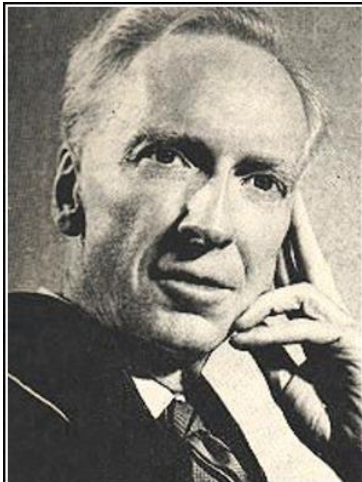
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**“There is one clear mandate to the church, and that is to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples of all nations.”**

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**Billy Graham**



Any church that is not seriously involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission has forfeited its biblical right to exist.

— *Oswald J. Smith* —

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- **“The supreme task of the church is the evangelization of the world.**
  - **“You must go or send a substitute.”**
  - **“If you are opposed to evangelism and missions, then you are opposed to the will of God.”**
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**Oswald J. Smith**

# Witnessing – Wisdom from the Saints

"God had only one Son, and He was a missionary."

~ *David Livingstone*

"Someone asked 'Will the heathen who have never heard the Gospel be saved?' It is more a question with me whether we -- who have the Gospel and fail to give it to those who have not -- can be saved."

~ *Charles Spurgeon*



The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed.

~ Hudson Taylor

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*"You have one business on earth—to save souls."*

**John Wesley**