



Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice. (Prov 31:8-9)



Do not be afraid of their words .... But speak My words to them, whether they listen or refuse to listen.... (Ezekiel 2-3)



... for in His own image God has made mankind. (Genesis 9:6)  
Apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. (1 John 1:3)



For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. (Ps 139:13)  
The Lord said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord? (Exodus 4:11)



children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. (Ps 127:3)  
"When he sees his children around him, the work of My hands, they will honor My name" (Is 29:16)



Was your prostitution not enough? You slaughtered My children and delivered them up through the fire to idols. (Ezekiel 16:20) Do not murder. (Exodus 20:13)



"When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, ... if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life.... (Exodus 21:22-25)



the LORD commanded ... children must not be put to death for their fathers (2 Chron 25:4b)



"Whoever welcomes this little child in My name welcomes Me, and whoever welcomes Me welcomes the One who sent Me. For whoever is the least among all of you, he is the greatest." (Lk 9)  
And the King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.' (Matthew 25:46)



Woe to those who enact unjust statutes and issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of fair treatment and withhold justice from the oppressed ... to make widows their prey and orphans their plunder. (Isaiah 10:1-3)



To show partiality in judgment is not good. Whoever tells the guilty, "You are innocent"—peoples will curse him, ... but it will go well with those who convict the guilty ... (Prov 24:23-25)



Can wicked rulers be allied with you, those who frame injustice by statute? They band together against the life of the righteous and condemn the innocent to death. (Ps 94)



Woe to those who call evil good and good evil ... Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight. Woe to those who ... deprive the innocent of justice. (Is 5:20-23)



your iniquities have built barriers between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He does not hear. For your hands are stained with blood, ....and your tongue mutters injustice. No one calls for justice; no one pleads his case honestly. (Isaiah 59)



He administered justice ... He took up the cause of the poor and needy, and so it went well with him. Is this not what it means to know Me?" declares the LORD. (Jer 22:16)



Rescue those being led away to death, and restrain those stumbling toward the slaughter. If you say, "Behold, we did not know about this," does not He who weighs hearts consider it? Does not the One who guards your life know? Will He not repay a man according to his deeds? (Prov 24:11-12)



You do not even know what will happen tomorrow! ... As it is, you boast in your proud intentions. All such boasting is evil. Anyone, then, who knows the right thing to do, yet fails to do it, is guilty of sin. (Ja 4:14)



Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. (Romans 12:2)



Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things the wrath of God is coming ... Therefore do not be partakers with them. ...Walk as children of light... Test and prove what pleases the Lord. Have no fellowship with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. (Eph 5)



Seek good, not evil, so that you may live. And the LORD, the God of Hosts, will be with you, as you have claimed. Hate evil and love good; establish justice in the gate. (Amos 5:14-15)



"For if you really correct your ways and deeds, if you act justly toward one another, if you no longer oppress the foreigner and the fatherless and the widow, and if you no longer shed innocent blood in this place or follow other gods to your own harm, then I will let you live in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers .... (Jer 7)



If sinners entice you, do not yield to them. If they say, "Come along, let us lie in wait for blood, let us ambush the innocent without cause, ... Throw in your lot with us; let us all share one purse"—my son, do not walk the road with them or set foot upon their path.... (Prov 1)



But look, you keep trusting in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, burn incense to Baal, and follow other gods that you have not known, and then come and stand before Me in this house, which bears My Name, and say, 'We are delivered, so we can continue with all these abominations'? (Jer 7)



When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide My eyes from you; even though you multiply your prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are covered with blood. Wash and cleanse yourselves. Remove your evil deeds from My sight. Stop doing evil! Learn to do right; seek justice and correct the oppressor. Defend the fatherless and plead the case of the widow." (Isaiah 1:15-17)



There is no wisdom, no understanding, no counsel that can prevail against the LORD. (Prov 21:30)



So, I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardness of their hearts. (Eph 4) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for instruction, for conviction, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work. (2 Tim 3)



The weapons of our warfare are not the weapons of the world. Instead, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We tear down arguments and every presumption set up against the knowledge of God; and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2 Cor 10:4-5)



We have renounced secret and shameful ways. We do not practice deceit, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by open proclamation of the truth, we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. ... to show that this surpassingly great power is from God and not from us. (2 Cor 1:1-9)



Am I now seeking the approval of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ. (Gal 1)



Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)



If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chron 7:14)

## **Not My Body, Not My Choice**

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God with your body. (1 Cor 6)

Therefore I urge you, brothers, on account of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. (Romans 12:1)

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ... Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (Gal 5)

Having lost all sense of shame, they have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity, with a craving for more. But this is not the way you came to know Christ. Surely you heard of Him and were taught in Him—in-keeping with the truth that is in Jesus—to put off your former way of life, your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires to be renewed in the spirit of your minds; and to put on the new self, created after God in true righteousness and holiness. (Eph 4)

Do to others as you would have them do to you. (Luke 6:31)

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to its neighbor. (Romans 13)

Behold, I will judge you, because you say, ‘I have not sinned.’ (Jer 2:35)

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

“Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Now go and sin no more.” (John 8:11)

... even children yet to be born—to arise and tell their own children that they should put their confidence in God, .... Then they will not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose spirit was not faithful to God. (Ps 78:6-8)