

## Jesus' Grace-Work to be Done Verses

Suggestion: Read through (and contemplate) these almost 100 quotes of Jesus slowly over the next few weeks for they are a sample showing just how Jesus' Words are so foundational to all Bible teachings. If you want to locate any of these verses/passages in the Bible (if, for example, to read them in context for a better understanding, simply Google a part of the quote, preceded by "Bible Hub," and it will take you to the verse/passage).

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"Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill **all** righteousness."

"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve him **only**."

"**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

"Come, follow me and **I will** make you fishers of men."

All the following verses and passages relate in one way or another to the above most foundational of all, thematic, verses: these verses and passages are all calls to repentance to greater Righteousness as are other Jesus' verses and passages not included in the below exemplars:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit . . . those who mourn . . . the gentle . . . those who hunger and thirst after righteousness . . . who are persecuted because of righteousness." <sup>WEB</sup>

"Woe to you who are rich . . . are well fed now . . . who laugh now . . . when **everyone** speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets." <sup>WEB</sup>

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.”

“**Anyone** who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly **will be** called least in the kingdom of heaven, but **whoever** practices and teaches these commands **will be** called great in the kingdom of heaven. For **I tell you** that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

“**Anyone** who says, ‘You fool!’ **will be** in danger of the fire of hell . . . **Anyone** who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart . . . **Anyone** who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and **Anyone** who marries a divorced woman commits adultery . . . love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you . . .”

“**Be perfect**, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
Keep us clear of temptation, <sup>JBP</sup>  
but deliver us from the evil one'

“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

“**Do not** store up for yourselves treasures on earth . . . But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . For where your treasure is, there your heart **will be** also . . . You **cannot serve** both God and money . . . do not worry . . . why do you worry . . . do not worry . . . but seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and **all** these things **will be given** [Graced] to you as well. Therefore do not worry . . .”

“**Do not** judge, or you too will be judged.”

“**Do not** throw your pearls to pigs.”

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to

your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, **do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.**”

“Small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

“Watch out for false prophets [preachers and teachers].”

“**Every** tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

“Not **everyone** who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **only** the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. **Many** will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, . . .’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”

“Therefore **everyone** who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. **But everyone** who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.”

“**Whoever** acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.”

“**Anyone** who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; **anyone** who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. **Whoever** does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. **Whoever** finds their life will lose it, and **whoever** loses their life for my sake will find it.”

“**No one** knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

“Come to me, **all** you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for **I am** gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

“**Whoever** is not with me is against me, and **whoever** does not gather with me scatters.”

“**Whoever** does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold **everything** he had and bought it.”

“You nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition.”

“**Whoever** wants to be my disciple **must** deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For **whoever** wants to save their life will lose it, but **whoever** loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can **anyone** give in exchange for their soul?”

“Truly **I tell you**, unless you change and become like little children, you will **never** enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, **whoever** takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

“The Creator ‘made them male and female . . .’

“Truly **I tell you**, **if you** have faith and **do not** doubt, not **only** can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it **will be** done. If you believe, you will receive **whatever** you ask for in prayer.”

“Truly **I tell you**, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not **repent** and believe him.”

“**I tell you** that the kingdom of God **will be** taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.”

“Many are invited, but **few** are chosen.”

“**You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.**”

Ouch!

“‘Love the Lord your God with **all** your heart and with **all** your soul and with **all** your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ **All** the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

“The greatest among you **will be** your servant. For those who exalt themselves **will be** humbled, and those who humble themselves **will be** exalted.”

“Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but **the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.**”

“Keep watch, because you **do not** know on what day your Lord will come . . . So you also **must** be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you **do not** expect him.”

“Keep watch, because you **do not** know the day or the hour.”

“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

“Go and make disciples of **all** nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey **everything** I have commanded you. And surely **I am** with you always, to the very end of the age.”

“**Repent** and believe the good news!”

“Consider carefully what you hear, with the measure you use, it **will be** measured to you ~ and even more.”

“Consider carefully how you listen.”

“What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come ~ sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,

greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. **All** these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

“If **anyone** is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man **will be** ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

“**Everything** is possible for one who believes.”

“**Anyone** who wants to be first **must** be the very last, and the servant of **all**.”

“**Everyone** will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end **will be** saved.”

“Who do **you** say **I am**?”

“Let the dead bury their own dead, but **you go** and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

“**No one** who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

“You then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

“**Unless** you repent, you too will **all** perish.”

“Make **every** effort to enter through the narrow door, because **many, I tell you**, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’



“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’”

“If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?”

“What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.”

“When you have done **everything** you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have **only** done our duty.’”

“**Be careful**, or your hearts **will be** weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap.”

“**No one** can see the kingdom of God **unless** they are born again.”

“I have spoken to you of earthly things and you **do not** believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?”

“**Whoever** drinks the water I give them will **never** thirst. Indeed, the water I give them **will become** in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

“**Whoever** hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.”

“You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet **you refuse** to come to me to have life.”

“**I tell you**, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval . . . The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

“**I am** the bread of life. **Whoever** comes to me will **never** go hungry, and **whoever** believes in me will **never** be thirsty.”

“**No one** can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.”

“**Anyone** who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.”

“**Whoever** believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

“**I am** the light of the world. **Whoever** follows me will **never** walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

“**I tell you, everyone** who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it **forever**. So if the Son sets you free, you **will be** free indeed.”

“For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see **will become** blind.”

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life.”

“**I am** the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and **whoever** lives by believing in me will **never** die.”

“**Anyone** who loves their life will lose it, while **anyone** who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **Whoever** serves me **must** follow me; and where **I am**, my servant also **will be**. My Father will honor the one who **serves me**.”

“**Whoever** believes in me does not believe in me **only**, but in the one who sent me. The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.”

“My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that **I am** going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will** come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where **I am**. You know the way to the place where **I am** going.”

“**I am** the way and the truth and the life. **No one** comes to the Father except through me. If you **really** know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

**“Whoever** believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and **they will do even greater things than these**, because **I am** going to the Father. And **I will do whatever** you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for **anything** in my name, and I will do it.”

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you **forever** ~ the Spirit of truth.”

**“Anyone** who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. **Anyone** who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.”

**“All** this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you **all** things and will remind you of **everything** I have said to you.”

**“I am** the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, **you will bear** much fruit; apart from me you can **do nothing**. If you **do not** remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.”

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit ~ fruit that will last ~ and so that **whatever** you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is **my command**: Love each other.”

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father ~ the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father ~ he will testify about me. And you also **must** testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.”

“When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into **all** the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak **only** what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. **All** that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

“**The reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone** on the side of truth listens to me.”

“**I am** coming soon.”

Over 40 times in the New Testament we find people amazed, astonished and marveled at Jesus’ Words:

“For he taught with real authority ~ quite unlike their teachers of religious law.” Matthew 7:29 NLT

And unless and until preachers/teachers are faithful to preach and teach **His guiding Words**, they will preach and teach weakly and feebly, without the power of God’s Holy Spirit. The Bible is indeed the Word of God, of Jesus.

The bottom-line key reason Jesus’ Words are not taught and preached? Fear of man greater than fear and faith in God. In a misguided desire for numbers, church leaders worry people will be put off by Jesus’ teachings. But just maybe people are leaving churches in droves

questioning: “Where is the beef?” Jesus is THE WORD of the Christian faith, THE WORD of God! It would be interesting to see if God would bless churches IF they preached Jesus’ Words. For the most important endorsement of Jesus as the Ultimate Teacher?

“This is my Son, whom I have chosen; **listen to him.**” Luke 9:35

