



Basilea Bible Institute

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BBI Prospectus

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“The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” 2 Timothy 2:2

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BASILEA BIBLE INSTITUTE STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. It is without error in the original writings, complete in its revelation and final in its content. It is the all-sufficient rule for faith and practice in the life of the believer.

We believe God is One God. He has revealed Himself in three persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He was born of a virgin. The Word of God became flesh, lived on the earth, suffered and died on the cross for our salvation, rose from the dead, ascended back to heaven where He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe all men have sinned and are completely and hopelessly lost without God's divine intervention. God has made the only provision for men to be saved and that is salvation made possible through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. No man can be saved outside of this provision, which is received by faith and relationship with Jesus.

We believe the Church is the body of Christ and that the ministry of Christ continues through His people by the power of the Holy Spirit. This power is made available to assist His people, to bring glory to the Name of Jesus and to draw others to that name.

We believe the supreme purpose of every believer is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. This is done through knowing Him and making Him known. These are very real and personal processes, which result in our having an intimate relationship and daily fellowship with Him. This empowers us to witness to the world around us.

BASILEA BIBLE INSTITUTE HISTORY AND PROGRAMS

*Drs Laurie and Julia Scholtz-Maralack founded **Basilea Bible Institute in Mahikeng, RSA in January 2013** starting with 8 students.*

***BBI** was first called Faith Bible Institute, Mahikeng until 2016, when its Board of Directors adopted the name change to Basilea Bible Institute.*

BBI Lecture halls and Administration offices have been built, through sponsorships facilitated by Korean Missionaries and local donors.

***BBI** is an interdenominational ministry dedicated to building the body of Christ. The institute makes theological education accessible, affordable and practical, supplement to the teaching ministry of the local church. The mission and vision of BBI is to see lives changed through the teaching and training of believers, according to the Word of God.*

***BBI** has as its foundational scripture, 2 Timothy 2:2 where the Apostle Paul says to Timothy “The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also”*

Reading the Constitution of South Africa, Article 15: Freedom of Religion, Belief and Opinion

- 1. Everyone has the right to freedom of conscience, religion, thought, belief and opinion.*
- 2. Religious observances may be conducted at state or state-aided institutions, provided that*
 - a. those observances follow rules made by the appropriate public authorities;*
 - b. they are conducted on an equitable basis; and*
 - c. attendance at them is free and voluntary.*

In recent years a few South African pastors have become notorious for requesting their congregants to drink petrol and eat snakes in the Name of the Lord. This had brought in particular the Pentecostal/ Charismatic church under the spotlight where the Commission of Linguistics and Religious communities (CRL) started to investigate these claims in order to protect congregants against such pastors. These reports reveal a host of other matters which include, the Registration and regulation of churches. The financial accountability and management of churches, and with greater focus on the training of pastors.

The view of the CRL Commission further concludes a recommendation of a Peer Review Structure with other religious persuasions, which was vehemently opposed by Pentecostal/ Charismatic pastors. The report is aimed at introducing legislation to be passed to regulate churches.

As it stands submissions were then made to parliament, but it was returned for further consultations with pastors.

Therefore the training and equipping of church leaders and pastors has become a critical discussion point in recent times. What was found is that the current system of accreditation with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) is based on Reformed Theology, which leaves other religious convictions outside of scope.

The need is therefore urgent to have other doctrinal persuasions be given space to draft their own requirements to be considered by the authorities, in the assessment process for accreditation. This process therefore will ensure that everyone in the country is acknowledged for what they believe and persuaded about in an objective manner, in order to obtain accreditation. BBI has

therefore commenced with the process of firstly, registration with the Department of Higher Education, which we believe will finally facilitates the South African Accreditation. However, BBI is registered as a Not for Profit Company (NPC) with Registration Number: **NPC Reg. 2017/315307/08.**

Therefore as far as BBI is concerned, the **International Accreditation with Ballsbridge University and the Board of Quality Standards**, is a critical ingredient to validate students achievements. Students must be encouraged to discover, develop, and use their gifts to ensure that they help their churches function as healthy bodies and make a greater impact on their communities, for the glory of God. Our focus is to help students understand that all Christians are called to ministry and to equip them to fulfil their callings. BBI teaches that ministry is about meeting people's needs.

Therefore, as for the training of 1st and 2nd year students, **BBI Curriculum** is known by the acronym **MOTMOT**, which training materials are used with permission from the author Dr John Mannion, which stands for **"The Mobilization of Teachers Through the Multiplication of Teachings."** These courses focus on discipleship and the materials are excellent teaching resources for students to use in ministry. MOTMOT materials are available in ten languages and are presently being used around the world.

In view of the above, BBI therefore do not award qualifications in the following forms, such as Certificate, Diploma, Degree or Honours, but rather prefer, to refer to qualify students in terms of 1st Year, 2nd Year, 3rd and 4th Year in line with the specific achievement to be further explained.

However, with the recognition received from Ballsbridge University, we are now able to assist students to study within our environment and obtain a Masters and a Doctorate Qualification based on what they have achieved with BBI.

As for the alignment of qualifications in meeting the required notional hours of training and credits internationally, BBI has decided to adopt the Ballsbridge University guide. The BBI Board is excited to announce to students, that greater scope for growth, development and empowerment has opened to further stimulate their academic and professional capacity in reaching higher heights in becoming greater students of the Word of God.

BBI therefore makes the following church based qualifications/ awards are available to its students;

1st Year Essentials for Ministry - 26 Courses.

The 1st Year is designed to bring the student into a closer relationship with the Lord, and thereafter equip students with the Word of God, in expanding their knowledge of Scriptures. The 1st Year is therefore a **MOTMOT designed programme**, where a student is required to submit 12 assignments to qualify in being promoted to the next level.

2nd Year Practical Church and Ministry Studies - 23 Courses

The 2nd Year is designed to focus on critical areas of ministry/ church as to empower the student to teach and preach the Word of God. Furthermore, it also looks at the governance and leadership focus areas in preparation for leading and management of the church, to ensure that the church is led by God-fearing men and women. Therefore, the crucial assignment of the church is the raising up and equipping of leaders, and transforming followers to become world Christians, in reaching others for Jesus Christ. The 2nd Year is therefore a **MOTMOT designed programme**, where a student is required to submit 12 assignments to qualify in being promoted to the next level.

3rd Year Biblical Theology and Ministry Maturity (BBTTM) - 13 Courses

As for the 3rd Year, programme, the focus is a balance between public and private theology. When talking of Public, it's in terms of critical matters for growth and multiplication of the church. However, keeping the student in touch with the people's needs and aspirations. As for the Private elements of ministry, the student must grow in his/ her relationship with the Lord as the most important aspect of ministry to be more effective in changing and transforming lives for God's glory. The other area of growth for the student is to write a Mini-Dissertation of 75 pages, expanding on the student's capacity to develop his research and writing skills as an important part of ministry and church. For a student to successfully complete the 3rd Year, he/ she must have completed 8 assignments in addition to the Mini-Dissertation.

The 3rd Year training materials has been researched and developed by BBI and we are excited to announce that more will be added in terms of short courses going forward.

4th Year Ministry Leadership Growth or Ministry Counselling Series (BBTTM) - 6 Courses

This course has been designed to enable students to specialize in the areas of either Leadership and or Counselling in ministry. This year therefore provides a bridge between the 3rd Year and the Masters Programme, which is made up of training topics to the area of specialization that the student may choose. It stimulates the student to research the required topics through a literature research methodology, by making his or her own experiences in ministry count to train and equip others in the same.

Current short courses on offered by BBI are;

The Christian Leadership Certificate is designed to equip students to lead churches or ministries, as well as church auxiliaries or departments within churches.

The Evangelism and Missions Certificate is designed to equip students for evangelism, missions, and outreach ministries.

The Pastoral Ministry Certificate is designed to equip students for pastoral and pastoral assistance ministries.

The Practical Ministry Certificate is designed to equip students for a variety of ministries, such as financial, human resources and supply chain management of churches and ministries.

The Spiritual Life Certificate is available for students who want to enhance their understanding, study, and application of the Word of God. Students also get a better understanding of various aspects of ministry. The Spiritual Life Certificate requires the completion of 20 earned or audited credits of your choice.

The Biblical Counselling Certificate is designed to equip students who are entering into a Biblical Counselling program.

Earned credits can be applied toward ministerial certificates and Degrees.

BBI courses normally convene weekly particularly after working hours, to make provision for the working student. The work is then demarcated into Semester blocks to ensure that a student completes the specific programme within a year starting in February and ending in September of the same year.

Basilea Bible Institute, also makes provision for students to study Long Distance. Such students would have a student guide, to assist him/ her in understanding the Assignment format and

requirements in meeting the minimum expectations for the year in question. Therefore, a student guide would be a student who has completed the programme one year ahead of the student who is tutored, to bridge the gap between a student attending classes weekly and the student studying long distance.

Distance Learning courses are defined for students who cannot attend classes. The courses are completed within a year period, however it can be extended within the requirements of BBI. However, it has been proven that many students are more successful in a traditional classroom setting and benefit from interaction with the faculty and other students.

Furthermore, Basilea Bible Institute does not have the authority to appoint students to positions or to award them titles in their local churches or church bodies. **BBI** does not guarantee that a person will be appointed to a position or awarded a title after receiving ministerial certificates or degrees. That is the jurisdiction of their pastor or church leaders

BBI faculty members are dedicated to training individuals for God's service. All instructors hold appropriate academic credentials, have relevant training or experience, and demonstrate the truths they teach through their lives and ministries.

The following minimal criteria are used to determine the eligibility of applicants for teaching appointments at Basilea Bible Institute:

- ❖ Faculty should be Christians for at least five years.
- ❖ Faculty should have earned at least the level of the degree for the courses being taught.
- ❖ Faculty should have experience, teaching and working in a church or ministry.
- ❖ Faculty should have earned a diploma or degree from an approved or accredited Bible Institute, Bible College, or Bible Seminary (applicants who meet the other criteria can be certified by BBI, after successfully completing prescribed courses.)
- ❖ **Faculty must sign an agreement to adhere to the BBI Statement of Faith and Doctrine in their teaching and conduct.**

Faculty who has not completed at least a diploma program at a Bible Institute, Bible College, or Bible Seminary can be certified to teach courses by:

- ❖ Submitting an official transcript that shows 20 credits that have been earned from a Bible Institute, Bible College, or Bible Seminary in an acceptable course of study.
- ❖ Completing courses and earning Spiritual Life Experience credits for a total of 20 credits (A maximum of 4 credits can be earned for Spiritual Life Experience)
- ❖ Completing a Spiritual Life Certificate at BBI (20 earned credits)

Applicants' transcripts and resumes will be assessed to determine whether they meet the minimal criteria for teaching appointments.

Notice of Non-Discriminatory Policy

Basilea Bible Institute admits students of any race, colour, gender, or nationality and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities within the parameters of the **BBI**

*Christian Life; Scriptural Conduct, outlined in the **BBI Statement of Faith and Doctrine** (refer to the **Appendix – A on page 11.**) We do not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, gender, nationality or ethnic origin in the administration of academic or admission policies, programs or activities.*

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1st Year Essentials for Ministry - 26 Courses (52 - Credits)

The student can choose which courses to elect to make up the 40 credits required.

No.	Doctrine and Theology	Credits	Relationship	Credits	Bible Studies	Credits
1.	Teaching of Jesus 1	2	Knowing God 1	2	Introduction to Bible Study	2
2.	Teaching of Jesus 11	2	Knowing God 11	2	Bible Study 1	2
3.	Teaching of Jesus 111	2	Prayer and Fasting	2	Bible Study 11	2
4.	The Gospel and the Kingdom	2	Praise and Worship	2	Bible Study 111	2
5.	Redemption and Salvation	2	Church Fellowship	2	Bible Study 1V	2
6.	The Holy Spirit	2	Small Groups	2	Old Testament 1	2
7.	Angels and Demons	2	Marriage	2	Old Testament 11	2
8.	Authority, Allegiance and Scriptures	2			Old Testament 111	2
9.					New testament 1	2
10					New testament 11	2
11					New testament 111	2

2nd Year Practical Church and Ministry Studies - 23 Courses (48 - Credits)

The student can choose which courses to elect to make up the 40 credits required.

No.	Church and Ministry	Credits	Missions	Credits	Christian Life	Credits
1.	Church Leadership	2	Practical Evangelism	2	Christian Character	2
2.	Church Leadership	2	Foundations of the Great Commission	2	Faith	2
3.	Church Government	2	Missions 1	2	The Sermon on the Mount	2
4.	Church and Sacraments	2	Missions 11	2	Ministry to the Poor	2
5.	Practical Discipleship	2	Missions 111	2	The Bible and Money	2
6.	Church Discipline	2	Church Planting	2	Proverbs: - Talking and Preaching “Homeletics”	2
7.	Church Growth and Revival	2	Understanding Islam	2		
8.	Pastoral Counselling	2	Spiritual Warfare	2		
9.	Preaching and	2				

	Teaching					
10	Gifts of the Holy Spirit	2				

3rd Year Biblical Theology and Ministry Maturity - 13 Courses
Together with Mini-Thesis of 75 pages
(40-Credits)

All Courses taken are compulsory in order to attain the required 40 - Credits

No.	Public Theology Series	Credits	Personal Maturity Series	Credits
1.	Biblical Management Principles	2	Creative Bible Study	2
2.	Developing a Biblical World View	2	The Ministry of the Holy Spirit	2
3.	Management by Objectives	2	Knowing God's Voice	2
4.	Methodologies for Multiplication	2	Kingdom Living	2
5.	Power Principles	2	Basic Bible Survey (OT) – Part I	2
6.	Biblical Teaching Tactics	2	Basic Bible Survey (NT) – Part II	2
7.	Church Planting	2	Spiritual Warfare	2
8.			Strategies for Harvest	2
9.	Mini-Thesis of 75 pages			10

4th Year Ministry Leadership Growth or Ministry Counselling Series - 6 Courses
(40 - Credits)

All Courses taken are compulsory in order to attain the required 40 - Credits

No.	Ministry Leadership Series	Credits	Ministry Counselling Series	Credits
1.	Leadership	4	Introduction to Counselling	4
2.	Life Management I	4	Foundations for Counselling	4
3.	Life Management II	4	The Counselling Process	4
4.	Life Management III	4	Counselling Techniques	4
5.	Homiletics	4	Ethics in Counselling	4
6.	Interpreting of Scriptures	4	Counselling Interventions	4

**Master's Year Ministry Leadership Growth or
Ministry Counselling Series - 6 Courses**

(48 - Credits)

All Courses taken are compulsory in order to attain the required 48 - Credits

No.	Ministry Counselling	Credits	Ministry Leadership Growth	Credits
1.	Conflict Management	4	The Bible on Leadership	4
2.	Practical Steps to Handling Adversity	4	Mindful Trading and Mastering your Emotions	4
3.	Overcoming Anxiety	4	Leadership and Emotional Intelligence	4
4.	Dealing with Difficult People	4	Intelligent Leadership and Competencies	4
5.	Counselling the Hard Cases	4	Successful Delegation	4
6.	Practical Steps to Giving and Receiving Forgiveness	4	Effective Goal Setting	4

**Doctorate in Ministry Leadership or
Ministry Counselling**

(60 - Credits)

No.	Ministry Counselling	Credits	Ministry Leadership	Credits
1.	Write and submit a Dissertation Proposal of 25-35 pages for approval by your Promoter.	10	Write and submit a Dissertation Proposal of 25-35 pages for approval by your Promoter.	10
2.	Write a 200 page Dissertation on the topic of your choice in consultation Promoter.	50	Write a 200 page Dissertation on the topic of your choice in consultation Promoter.	50

Courses and credits are subject to change. Courses can be altered with prior approval by the administration.

APPENDIX - A

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ARTICLE I OFFICES

The principal office of Basilea Bible Institute is in Mahikeng, Northwest Province, South Africa, hereinafter referred to as the “Ministry”, shall be located at the address set forth in the Articles of Incorporation. The Ministry may have such other offices, either within or without the Republic of South Africa, as the Board of Directors may determine from time to time.

ARTICLE II TENETS OF FAITH AND DOCTRINE

The Ministry accepts the Scriptures as the revealed Will of God, the all sufficient rule of faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, adopts these Statements of Fundamental Truths and Doctrine.

Section 1. The Scriptures Inspired. The Bible is the inspired Word of God, a revelation from God to man, the infallible rule of faith and conduct, and is superior to conscience and reason, but not contrary to reason. (2 Tim. 3:15-17; I Peter 1:23-25; Heb. 4:12)

Section 2. The One True Godhead. The triune Godhead is comprised of three (3) separate and distinct personalities, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit, who are eternally self-existent, self-revealed and function as one entity. Jesus Christ, who is God manifested in the flesh, is the second member of the Godhead, co-equal and co-eternal with The Father and The Holy Spirit.

Section 3. Man, His Fall and Redemption. Man was created good and upright, for God said, “Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness”. But, man, by voluntary transgression, fell and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ the Son of God (Gen. 1:25-31, 3:1-7; Rms. 5:12-21).

Section 4. The Salvation of Man.

(a) **Man’s only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.** On the cross Jesus Christ became sin and sickness providing both salvation and divine healing for all mankind (Ps. 103:3), being justified freely by His Grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. For by grace we are saved through faith. “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation” (Rms. 3:24; Eph. 2:8; Rms. 10:8-10).

(b) **The evidence of Salvation.** The inward evidence to the believer of his salvation, is the direct witness of the Spirit (Rms. 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness. “And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us” (I Jn. 3:23).

(c) **Faith and Works.** Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ and not by human works; however, our works will determine the rewards in eternity (Rms. 10:9-10; II Cor. 5:10).

Section 5. Baptism in Water. The ordinance of baptism by a burial with Christ should be observed as commanded in the Scriptures by all who have really repented and in their hearts have truly believed on Christ as Saviour and Lord. In so doing, they declare to the world that they have died with Jesus and that they have also been raised with Him to walk in newness of life. (Matt. 28:19; Acts 10:47-48; Rms. 6:4).

Section 6. The Promise of the Father. All believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect and earnestly seek, the promise of the Father, the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and Fire, according to the command of our Lord

Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry. (Lk. 24:29; Acts 1:4-8; I Cor. 12:1-31). This wonderful experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 2:38; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9).

Section 7. The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The full consummation of the Baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is evidenced by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and by the subsequent manifestation of spiritual power in public testimony and service (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:2, 6; 1:8).

Section 8. The Ministry. The Ministry is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in Heaven (Eph. 1:22; 2:19-22; Heb. 12:23).

Section 9. Total Prosperity.

- (a) **Spiritual.** Jn. 3:3, 11; II Cor. 5:17-21; Rms. 10:9-10
- (b) **Mental.** II Tim. 1:7; Rms. 12:2; Is. 26:3.
- (c) **Physical.** Is. 53:4-5; Matt. 8:17; I Peter 2:24.
- (d) **Financial.** III Jn. 1:2; Mal. 3:10-11; Lk. 6:38; II Cor. 9:6-10; Deut. 28:1-14.
- (e) **Social.** Prov. 3:4

Section 10. Blessed Hope. Jesus is coming again to gather all His Saints to Heaven (I. Cor. 15:51-52; I Thess. 4:16-17; II Thess. 2:1).

Section 11. The Lake of Fire. Those who have not accepted the redemptive work of Jesus Christ will suffer eternal separation from the Godhead. The devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life, shall be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. This is the

second death, the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20, 20:10-15).

Section 12. The Millennial Reign of Jesus.

The return of our Lord Jesus Christ with His Saints from Heaven to rule and reign for one thousand years on earth as the Scriptures promised (Rms. 11:25, 27; II Thess. 1:7; Rev. 19:11-16; 20:1-17).

Section 13. Christian Life; Scriptural Conduct.

(a) **Personal Ethics.** "I can do anything I want to if Christ has not said no, but some of these things aren't good for me. Even if I am allowed to do them, I'll refuse to if I think they might get such a grip on me that I can't easily stop when I want to" (I Cor. 6:12 (LB)). "We can always "prove" that we are right, but is the Lord convinced?" (Prov. 16:2 (LB)) "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you" (I Thess. 5:12).

(b) **Obedience to Law.** "Obey the government, for God is the one who has put it there. There is no government anywhere that God has not placed in power. So those who refuse to obey the laws of the land are refusing to obey God, and punishment will follow" (Rms. 13:1-2 (LB)). "Obey the laws, then, for two reasons: first, to keep from being punished, and second, just because you know you should. Pay your taxes too, for these same two reasons. For, government workers need to be paid so that they can keep on doing God's work, serving you. Pay everyone whatever he ought to have; pay your taxes and import duties gladly, obey those over you, and give honour and respect to all those to whom it is due. Pay all your debts except the debt of love for others – never finish paying that! For if you love them, you will be obeying all of God's laws, fulfilling all His requirements. Another reason for right living is this: you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for the coming of the Lord is nearer now than when we first believed" (Rms. 13:5-8, 11 (LB)).

(c) **Family; Household.** "Honour your father and mother, that you may have a long, good life in the land the Lord your God will give you" (Ex. 20:12). "For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take

care of the church of God?” (I Tim. 3:5) “Their wives must be thoughtful, not heavy drinkers, not gossipers, but faithful in everything they do” (I Tim. 3:11 *(LB)*). “The men you choose must be well thought of for their good lives; they must have only one wife and their children must love the Lord and not have a reputation for being wild or disobedient to their parents. These elders must be men of blameless lives because they are God’s ministers. They must not be proud or impatient; they must not be drunkards or fighters or greedy for money” (Titus 1:6-7 *(LB)*). “That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. That they may teach the young women to be sober to love their husbands, to love their children” (Titus 2:2-4). “You wives must submit to your husbands’ leadership in the same way you submit to the Lord. For a husband is in charge of his wife in the same way Christ is in charge of His body the Church. (He gave His very life to take care of it and be its Saviour!) So you wives must willingly obey your husbands in everything, just as the Church obeys Christ. And you husbands, show the same kind of love to your wives as Christ showed to the Church when He died for her, to make her holy and clean, washed by baptism and God’s Word: so that He could give her to Himself as a glorious Church without a single fault. That is how husbands should treat their wives, loving them as parts of themselves. For since a man and his wife are now one, a man is really doing himself a favor and loving himself when he loves his wife. No one hates his own body but lovingly cares for it, just as Christ cares for His body the Church, of which we are parts. (That the husband and wife are one body is proved by the Scripture which says, “A Man must leave his father and mother when he marries, so the two shall be one.”) So again, I say, a man must love his wife as a part of himself: and the wife must see to it that she deeply respects her husband – obeying, praising and honouring him. Children, obey your parents; this is the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you. Honour

your father and mother. This is the first of God’s Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise: life, full of blessing. And now a word to you parents. Don’t keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather bring them up with the Loving discipline the Lord Himself approves, with suggestions and Godly advice” (Eph. 5:22-31, 33:6:4 *(LB)*).

(d) **Control.** “...For a man is a slave to whatever controls him” (II Peter 2:19 *(LB)*). Even if we believe that it makes no difference to the Lord whether we do these things, still we cannot just go ahead and do them to please ourselves; for we must bear the burden of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others – of those who feel these things are wrong. Let’s please the other fellow, not ourselves, and do what is for his good and thus build him up in the Lord” (Rms. 15:2-3 *(LB)*).

(e) **Adultery; Immorality.** “Thou shalt not commit adultery” (Ex. 20:14). “...try hard to live without sinning; and be at peace with everyone so that He will be pleased with you when He returns” (II Peter 2:14 *(LB)*). “You shall not commit adultery. But I say: Anyone who even looks at a woman with lust in his eye has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matt. 5:27-28 *(LB)*). “...Don’t fool yourselves. Those who live immoral lives, who are idol worshippers, adulterers or homosexuals, will **have** no share in His Kingdom....” (I Cor. 6:9 *(LB)*). “But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat” (I Cor. 5:11 *(LB)*).

(f) **Drunkennes; Drugs.** “This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious and won’t obey; he is a worthless drunkard. Then the men of the city shall stone him to death. In this way you shall put away this evil from among you, and all the young men will hear about what happened and will be afraid” (Deut. 21:20-21 *(LB)*). “...envy, murder, drunkenness, wild parties, and all that sort of thing. Let me tell you again as I have

before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God” (Gal. 5:21 *(LB)*). “Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God” (I Cor. 6:10 *(LB)*). “Don’t drink too much wine, for many evils lie along that path; be filled instead with the Holy Spirit, and controlled by Him” (Eph. 5:18 *(LB)*). “For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags” (Prov. 23:21).

(g) **Smoking.** “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which temple are ye” (I Cor. 3:16-17). “Haven’t you yet learned that your body is the home of the Holy Spirit God gave you, and that He lives within you? Your body does not belong to you. For God has bought you with a great price. So use every part of your body to give glory back to God, because He owns it” (I Cor. 6:19).

(h) **Homosexuality.** “You shall not lie with a man as with a woman; it is an abomination” (Lev. 18:22). “...God let go of them and let them do all these evil things, so that even their women turned against God’s natural plan for them and indulged in sex sin with each other. And the men, instead of having a normal sex relationship with women, burned with lust for each other, men doing shameful things with other men and, as a result, getting paid within their own souls with the penalty they so richly deserved. So it was that when they have God up and would not even acknowledge Him, God gave them up to doing everything their evil minds could think of. Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness and sin” (Rms. 1:26-29). “Don’t you know that those doing such things have no share in the Kingdom of God? Don’t fool yourselves. Those who live immoral lives, who are idol worshippers, adulterers or homosexuals will have no share in His Kingdom...” (I Cor. 6:9-10).