

## Epistle Guidance for the Church

### 1 Peter 4:8-11

<sup>8</sup>Above all, **maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.** <sup>9</sup>**Be hospitable to one another without complaining.** <sup>10</sup>Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, **serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.** <sup>11</sup>Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

### Colossians 2:6, 18-19

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to **live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.**

<sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not **holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.**

### Colossians 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, **clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.** <sup>13</sup>**Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other;** just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>**Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.** <sup>15</sup>**And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,** to which indeed you were called in the one body. **And be thankful.** <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; **teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs** to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, **do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

### Galatians 5:19-26

<sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control.** There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

### 1 John 4:18-21

<sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but **perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.** <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, 'I love God', and **hate their brothers or sisters, are liars;** for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

### Romans 12:6-13

<sup>6</sup>**We have gifts that differ** according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

<sup>9</sup>**Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.** <sup>11</sup>**Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.** <sup>12</sup>**Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.** <sup>13</sup>**Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.**