

HEART - Biblical references to support our Values

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<p><u>1. Hard Work</u></p> <p>1.1 Whatever you do put your whole heart into <i>-Colossians ch 3 v 23</i> <i>(Revised English Bible)</i></p> <p>1.2 Creation – after working hard God rested on the 7th day <i>-Genesis 1-2</i></p> <p>1.3 Parable of the Talents <i>-Matt 25</i></p> <p>1.4 Wise man built his house upon the rock <i>-Matt 7 ; Luke 6</i></p>	<p>What the Bible says: St. Paul travelled all around the Roman Empire and more and more people heard about Jesus and wanted to follow "The Jesus Way". They became Christians , were baptised and met together, but they had a lot to learn about" following the Jesus way". Paul had to travel on to tell others, so he wrote letters to teach and encourage the people, churches, he left behind. In his letter to the Christians in Colosse he wrote: "Whatever you do put your whole heart into it"</p> <p>Creation: When God created the world/the universe " he saw that it was very good" . He had worked hard and rested when it was done!</p> <p>Jesus' teaching about "Hard Work": -The Parable about the Talents (In Biblical days talents being units of money) The two "hardworkers" used what they had been given to the best of their abilities. They were rewarded in themselves by what they had achieved, knowing that they had done their best. They were also rewarded by their employer and made progress in life whilst no.3 took the easy way out- no effort, no reward in himself, no progress in life, no reward from his master. We have been given "talents "/"gifts" by God, things we are naturally good at or are able to learn how to do. God wants us to use these gifts, not let them be wasted.</p> <p>-The parable of "The wise man who built his house upon the rock"(compared with the man who took the easy way) Following "The Jesus way" may be harder but it's the best/ firmest foundation to build your life on.</p>	<p>1.1 ---</p> <p>1.2 In the Beginning - Pg 8</p> <p>1.3 Big Bags of Money - Pg 122</p> <p>1.4 The Two houses - Pg 112</p>

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<u>2. Empowerment</u> 2.1 The Great Commission – Jesus sending the disciples out <i>- Matt 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 21</i> 2.2 The Call of Moses & the burning bush <i>-Exodus 1-2</i> 2.3 Four boys who kept God's rules <i>-Daniel 1</i> 2.4 The story of Naaman <i>-2 Kings 5</i>	<p>Empowerment – No matter how young or how old, no matter how inadequate we feel, if we choose to do what is right, which is what God wants us to do, God's/Jesus' Holy Spirit, his Power will always help us.</p> <p>-The Great Commission-Jesus sending the disciples to do his work; -The disciples, Jesus' friends, were horrified that he was going back to Heaven and leaving them with the responsibility of telling the whole world about him, how much he loves everyone and wants everyone to love each other. He promised that he would always be able to hear their prayers and His Holy Spirit would always be with them to help and empower them - if they wanted him to.</p> <p>-The Call of Moses at the Burning Bush - It wasn't just in the New Testament that God promised to be with, and empower people. 1400 years before Jesus, God assured Moses that he would help him to lead the Hebrews to leave Egypt and that his brother Aaron would help, especially with speaking to Pharaoh and the people because Moses said he wouldn't be any good at doing this.</p> <p>-The boys who liked to say "NO" - In 597BC lots and lots of the Hebrew/Jewish people were taken into exile in Babylon because they were causing King Nebuchadnezzar a lot of trouble. They became slaves in Babylon. The king decided to train 4 young men to grow up like the Babylonian boys, to work in his court. However, the boys were determined to worship God and keep his laws. God empowered them to keep his laws and grow up stronger than the others. Even the king admired their strength of body and character.</p> <p>-The story of the servant girl & Naaman - Even though she was very young and only a servant, her faith in God was so strong that she was empowered to tell her master, powerful Naaman, about Elisha and the chance for him to be healed of the terrible disease.</p>	<p>2.1 Goodbye at Last – Pg 144</p> <p>2.2 The Burning Bush – Pg 30</p> <p>2.3 The Boys who liked to say No - Pg 72</p> <p>2.4 The Helpful Servant – Pg 64</p>

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<u>3. Acceptance</u>	Acceptance - At the time of Jesus the Jewish people who kept God's laws thought that, because they kept God's laws, they were purer than those Jewish people and all other people who didn't. They wouldn't have anything to do with the people they thought of as 2 nd class, "unclean" people. By showing his love for everyone and in his teaching, Jesus tried to show them that they were wrong; that God loves everyone just the same, though sometimes he doesn't like what they do.	
3.1 Jesus and Zacchaeus -Luke 19	-The story of Zacchaeus - No Jewish person liked tax gatherers because they worked for the Romans. Zacchaeus was even worse because he took too much money off people and pocketed the extra. Meeting Jesus changed Zacchaeus' life. Jesus loved/loves everyone, but doesn't always love what they do.	3.1 Jesus and the Taxman – Pg 130
3.2 The story of the good Samaritan -Luke 10	-The parable of the Good Samaritan - Jewish people had nothing to do with Samaritans because they had married people from other nations so they were 2 nd class citizens and "unclean". Jesus told this story in answer to a Jewish man's question, "Who is my neighbour?". The Jewish Pharisee and priest ignored the injured man, it was the hated Samaritan who stopped and helped him.	3.2 The Kind Stranger – Pg 104
3.3 Jesus blesses the children -Matt 19; Mark 10; Luke 18	-Jesus blesses the children - Children and their mothers were rather unimportant in those days and Jesus' disciples shooed them away when Jesus was tired but he insisted on seeing them because he said, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven".	3.3 Jesus and the Children – Pg 128
3.4 The parable of the great feast -Matt 22; Luke 15	-The parable of the Great Feast" - The householder sent his servant to invite EVERYONE who would normally not be invited to a feast. Everyone is invited to God's banquet, into his kingdom.	3.4 The Big Party - Pg 114
3.5 (Class 3) Peter's dream -Acts 10 v 10-16	- (Class 3 only) Peter's Dream - The Jewish law said that non Jews were unclean partly because of what they ate. The Jews had strict laws about what they could and could not eat and would have nothing to do with non-Jews partly because of what they ate. In Peter's dream God was telling him that we are not to call anything/anyone "unclean" that God has made.	3.5 ---

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<p><u>4. Respect</u></p> <p>4.1 Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. - <i>John 13 v 34-35</i></p> <p>4.2 Do to others as you would have them do to you - <i>Luke 6 v 31</i></p> <p>4.3 Jesus' visit to the temple as a boy - <i>Luke 2</i></p> <p>4.4 Jesus' story about heartfelt prayer - <i>Luke 18</i></p> <p>4.5 Nehemiah asking the king of Babylon to be allowed to go back to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls - <i>Nehemiah Ch 2</i></p>	<p>-Jesus commands us to: "Love one another, as I have loved you"</p> <p>-Jesus also comands us to: "Do to others what you would have them do to you"</p> <p>-Jesus goes back to Nazareth after visiting the Temple aged 12 and is "subject " to his parents – he obeyed his parents and God as he was growing up.</p> <p>-The humble, heartfelt prayer of the Tax collector as opposed to the showiness of the "Religious man"- the pharisee. The tax collector's humility v the Pharisee's arrogance.</p> <p>-Nehemiah, the king's slave, asks the king's permission to go back to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, he was showing respect to the king by asking him.</p>	<p>4.1 ---</p> <p>4.2 ---</p> <p>4.3 The Boy in the Temple – Pg 88</p> <p>4.4 The Pharisee and the Tax Collector – Pg 126</p> <p>4.5 ---</p>

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<u>5. Thankfulness</u>		
5.1 Jesus heals 10 men <i>-Luke 17</i>	-Jesus heals 10 men - The life of someone with Leprosy was absolutely awful - banished from home and community to live in the hills and caves because they were infectious. No one wanted to go near them, they even had to ring a bell to warn people that they were near. Jesus even TOUCHED them to heal them. The men were so excited to be healed that 9 of them forgot to say "Thank you"; only one man came back to say "Thank you".	5.1 The Man Who Came Back - Pg 124
5.2 The parable of the lost sheep <i>-Matt 18</i>	-The parable of the Lost sheep - The shepherd was SO thankful to find the lost sheep after he had gone to search for his one lost sheep, out of 100.	5.2 The Good Shepherd – Pg 116
5.3 Jesus feeds five thousand people with 5 loaves and 2 fish. <i>-Matt 14; Mark 6; Luke 9</i>	-Jesus feeds 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish - Jesus gave thanks to God for the boy donating his lunch, and for the food. The people were grateful for the food.	5.3 The Marvellous Picnic – Pg 102
5.4 Daniel in the lions' den <i>-Daniel 6</i>	-Daniel in the lion's den - Daniel refuses to stop praying / giving thanks to God when the King bans praying to any god but him. The king actually says "Thank you" to God when he discovers that Daniel is alive in the lion's den and is safe.	5.5 Daniel and the Lions – Pg 76

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<u>6. HEART = Love & Kindness</u>		
6.1 The Good Samaritan <i>-Luke 10</i>	Those who have shown love and care to the needy: -The Good Samaritan -The Samaritan's kind response to the injured man.	6.1 The Kind Stranger – Pg 104
6.2 Dining with sinners <i>-Matt 9 v 10-13; Mark 2 v15-17; Luke 5 v29-32</i>	-Dining with sinners - Jesus is kind to the sinners by being willing to eat and be seen with them, showing that he loves them and is teaching them a better way to live.	6.2 ---
6.3 Jairus' daughter <i>-Matt 9; Mark5; Luke 8</i>	-The story of Jairus' daughter – Demonstrates the parents' love as well as that of Jesus.	6.3 Time to Get Up – Pg 100
6.4 Jesus & paralysed man <i>-Luke 5</i>	-Jesus heals a paralysed man – Demonstrates the love and kindness of the man's friends plus the love of Jesus.	6.4 Down through the Roof – Pg 94
6.5 Parable of the lost son <i>-Luke 15</i>	-The Parable of the Lost Son - The son eventually realises how wrong and silly he has been; he doesn't expect it but his father shows love for, kindness to and forgiveness of his son despite all that the son has done.	6.5 The Big Spender - Pg 120
6.6 Paul and Silas in prison <i>-Acts 16</i>	-PAUL and Silas in prison - The kindness of Paul and Silas shown towards the gaoler who would have been severely punished had the prisoners escaped.	6.6 The Earth Shakes
6.7 Love your enemies, do good to those that hate you <i>-Luke 6 v 27-36</i>	-Jesus' command to "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you."	6.7 ---

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<u>6. HEART = Love & Kindness</u> (Continued)		
6.8 (Class 3) Jesus speaks to the Woman at the Well - <i>John 4 v 5-30</i>	-(Class 3 only) Jesus speaks to the woman at the well – Because she was a Samaritan and a woman, Jewish people would normally have nothing to do with her. Jesus had no such prejudice, he showed kindness and understanding to her.	6.8 ---
6.9 (Class 3) Judgement of the sheep and the goats - <i>Matt 25 v31 – 46</i>	-(Class 3 only) - The judgement of the sheep and the goats – recognising those who have shown love and care to the needy, as opposed to those who have ignored the same.	6.9 ---
6.10-Story of Artaban, the 4 th wise man.	(Non Bible story) - The story of the 4th wise man : Novel by Henry van Dyke – There is a 4 th wise man who does not get to see baby Jesus as he's delayed by doing acts of kindness on the way to Bethlehem.	6.10 ---
6.11-Story of Papa Panov	(Non Bible story) - Papa Panov : Book by Mig Holder – Jesus promises to visit a shoemaker one Christmas. Papa Panov waits all day for him to arrive. At the end of the day he asks Jesus why he hasn't been and Jesus explains that he has visited him with each of the people that Papa Panov has helped.	6.11 ---