

## **Basic Disciplines for Believers (Overview)**

### **1. I am saturating myself with God's Word (1 Peter 2:1-3)**

- Bible Reading
- Bible Feeding (Ephesians 4:11-16; James 3:1)
- Bible Treasuring (Psalm 119:11)
- Bible Deepening (Psalm 1:1-3)
- Bible Practicing (James 1:20-21)

### **2. I am praying to God continually (Matt 6:5-15; 1 Tim 2:1-4)**

- Supplications – for my needs
- Intercessions – for the needs of others
- Prayers – acknowledging Who God is
- Giving of Thanks – acknowledging what God has done

### **3. I am submitting to God's authorities (Rom 13:1-7; Heb 13:7)**

### **4. I am encouraging God's people (gathering)**

- To prevent hardening and deception from sin (Hebrews 3:12-13)
- To promote proper motivation & ministry (Hebrews 10:24-25)

### **5. I am sharing God's good news (Matthew 28:18-20)**

- Clear Message (1 Corinthians 15:1-4; John 3:16-18)
- Confirming Conduct (Matthew 5:13-16)

### **6. I am giving to God's work**

- To support the work of God (Gal 6:6-10; 1 Tim 5:17-18)
- To help those in need (1 John 3:16)
- To enjoy modern comforts

### **7. I am sacrificing & denying myself to do God's will**

- To be effective (Titus 2:11-14)
- To be fruitful (Luke 8:14)
- To be eternal (1 John 2:15-17)

### **8. I am serving God by serving others**

- Romans 12:1-8 – everyone should serve; everyone has gift(s)
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-31 – all are important; all are responsible to serve
- Ephesians 4:11-16 – goal is to build up and mature the whole Body
- 1 Peter 4:10-11 – use it what you've been given; serve with all the ability God gives

### **9. I am accepting suffering & hardship for God**

- Because of our identity with Christ (Luke 21:17)
- Because of our message regarding works of the world (John 7:7)
- Because of our calling in Christ (Philippians 1:29)
- Because we are not of the world (John 15:18-20)
- Because of the opportunity it presents to us (1 Peter 3:8-17)
- Because of the "swimming upstream" principle (1 Timothy 4:12)

### **10. I am communicating God's way with others (Matt 18:15-17; Eph 4:15)**

### **11. I am caring for others with God-prescribed actions (John 13:35)**