

“Believe Series,
29-Gentleness”
May 22, 2016
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“Key Idea: I am thoughtful and considerate and calm in my dealings with others.”



Randy Frazee

“Key Verse: “Let your gentleness be evident to all. The LORD is near” Phil. 4:5



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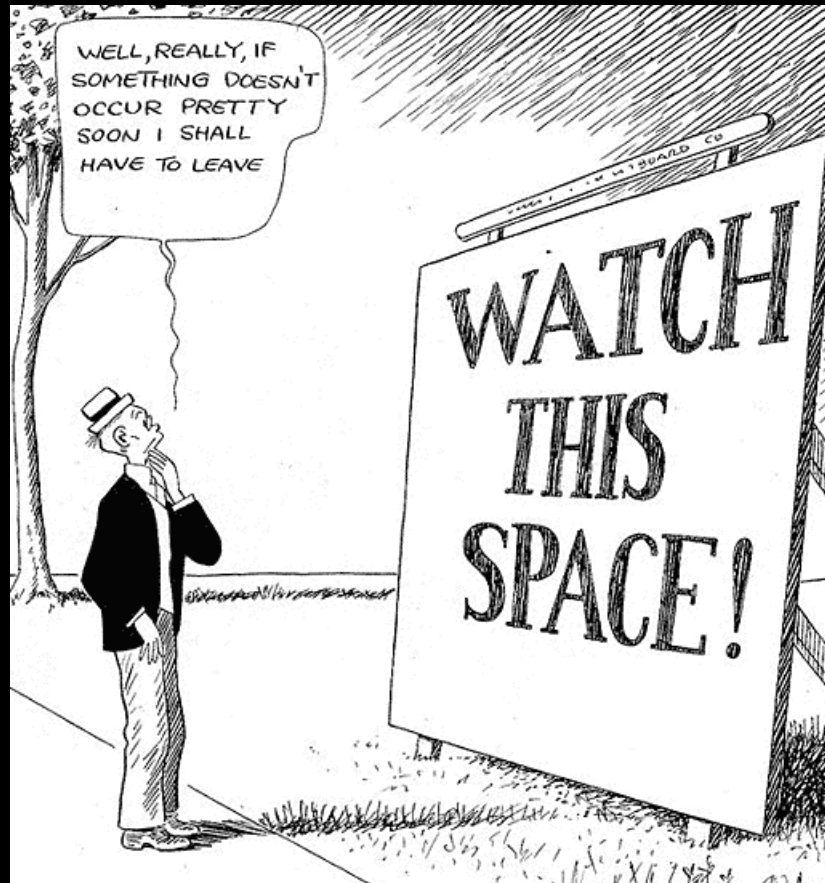
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Andre the Giant was a professional wrestler born on May 19, 1946, in Grenoble, France. He was 6' 11" tall and at his greatest weighed 500 pounds. During the 1970s, he wrestled more than 300 days a year. In 1973, at Madison Square Garden he came in as "Andre the Giant." He is best known as Fezzik in the 1987 Princess Bride Movie. He defeated Hulk Hogan for the WWF Heavyweight title on Feb. 5, 1988. Famous for an immense capacity for alcohol and food--estimated that he consumed 7,000 calories a day in alcohol alone. By 1992, he had knee surgery and became increasingly overweight and immobile. He continued to wrestle, appearing the last time in Japan. On Jan 27, 1993, Roussimoff died of an apparent heart attack in his hotel room in Paris.

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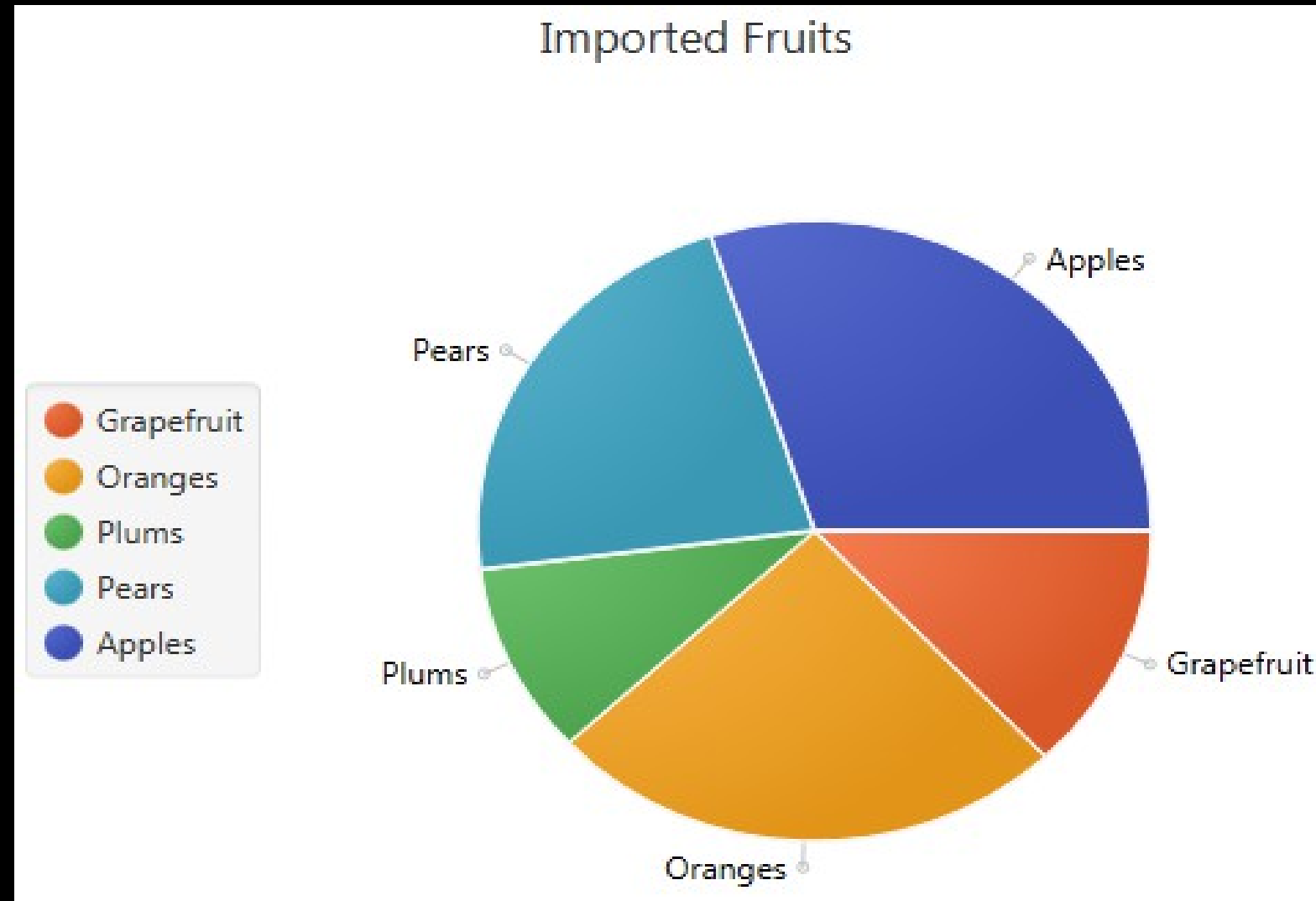
Do you think of this as the quality that simply refrains from retaliation, anger or impulsiveness. A man spoke of a city of 2 million souls whom do not drink, smoke or steal. He was referring to Greenwood Hills Cemetery in NY city.

Error #2. That Gal. 5:22,23 is complete
List of all 9 aspects of Godliness....

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
Against such there is no law.”

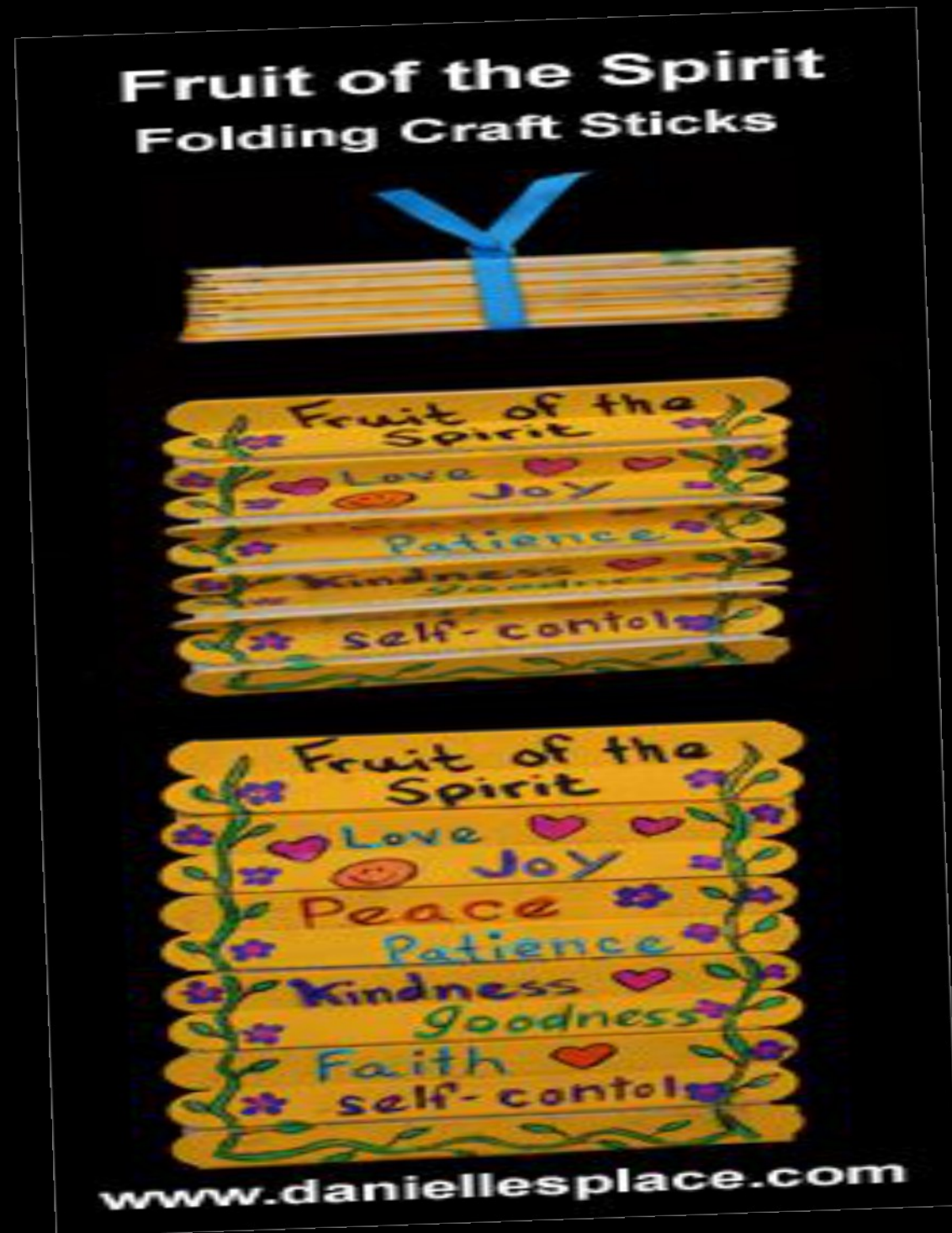
Courage...tenacity, anger, zeal,

Error #3. The List is even and balanced



Error #4.

The list is linear...ie
get the one...and
then build!



“For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerning of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Heb. 4:12)



A serene sunset scene over a large body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, shimmering reflection on the water's surface. The sky is a deep, clear blue, and a dark line of trees is visible on the horizon. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

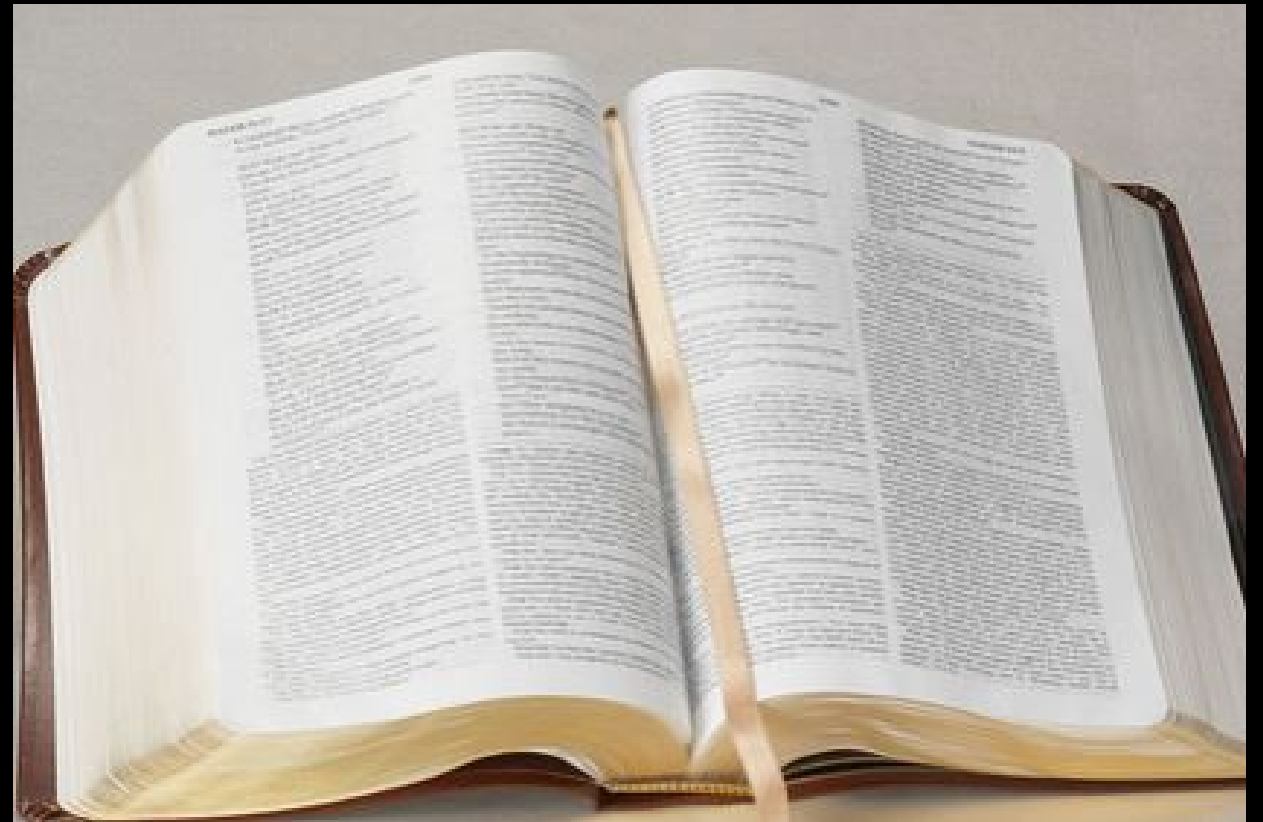
“And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us
and given Himself for us, ?” (Ep. 5:2)

Bearing with one another, and forgiving one
another, if anyone has a complaint against another;
even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.
(Col. 3:16)

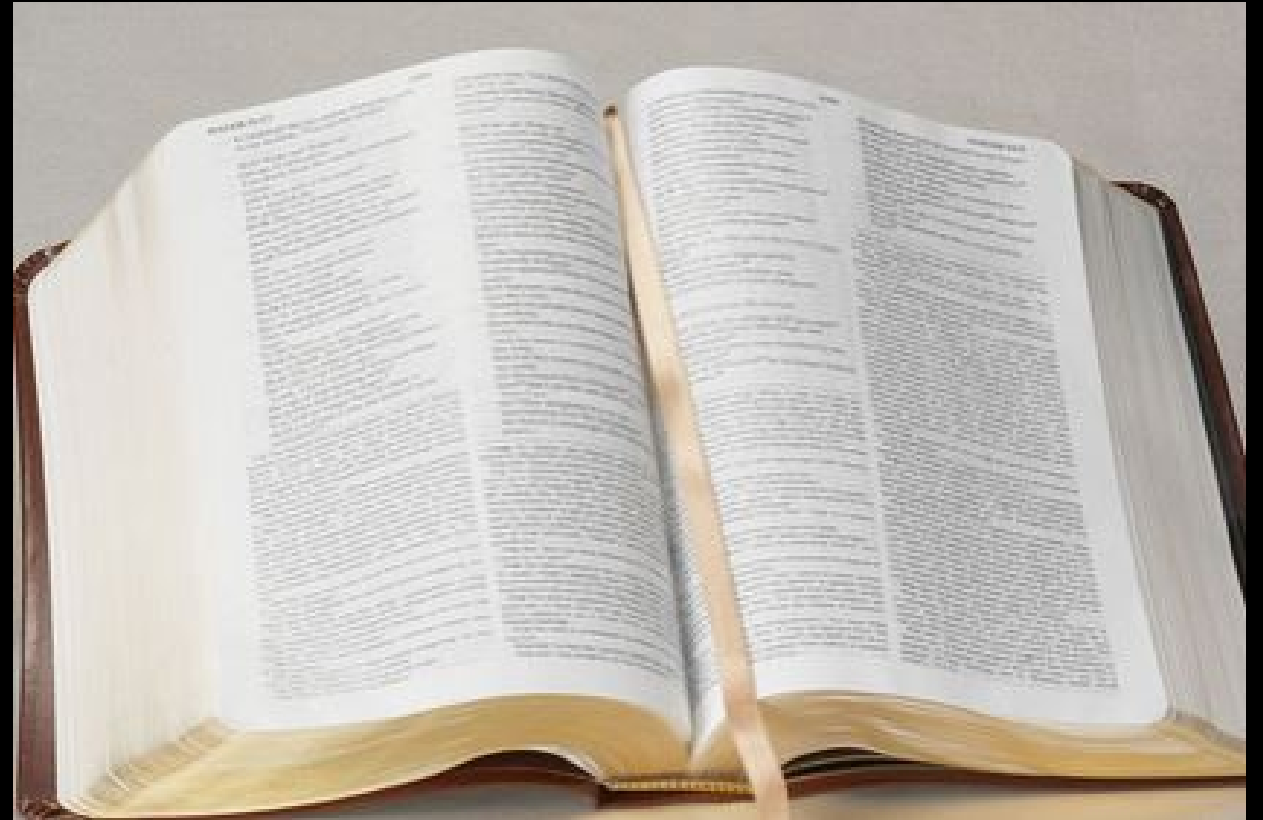
Eph. 5:1 “Therefore be imitators of God as dear
children.”

Old Testament on “Gentleness”

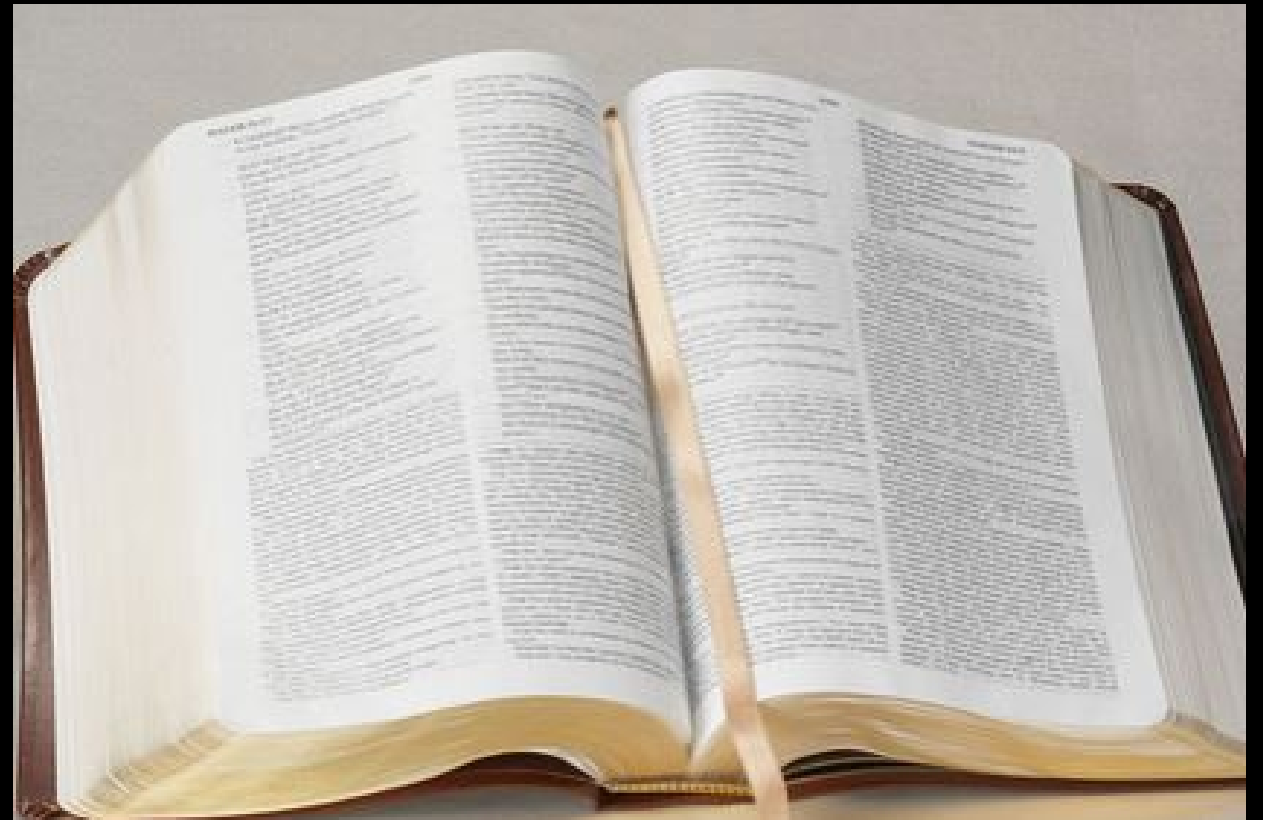
2 Sam. 22:36 “You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your gentleness has made me great.”



Job. 37:6 For He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth'; Likewise to the **gentle** rain and the heavy rain of His strength.



Hos. 11:4 “I drew them with **gentle cords**,
With bands of love. And I was to them as
those who take the yoke from their neck. I
stooped and fed them.



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From G4235; *gentleness*; by implication *humility*: meekness. (used 9x in NT)

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6. Col. 3:12 “As holy people whom God has chosen and loved, be sympathetic, kind, humble, gentle, and patient.

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#7. 1 Timothy 6:11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

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Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought *them*. But when Jesus saw *it*, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, laid *His* hands on them, and blessed them. Mark 10:13-16





The Role of Leadership

2 Tim. 2:24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be **gentle** to all, able to teach, patient,

2Th. 2:25 In **meeekness** G4236 instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledge the truth;

Titus 3:2 to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, **gentle**, showing all humility to all men.

“Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am **gentle** and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.” Mt. 11:28-30



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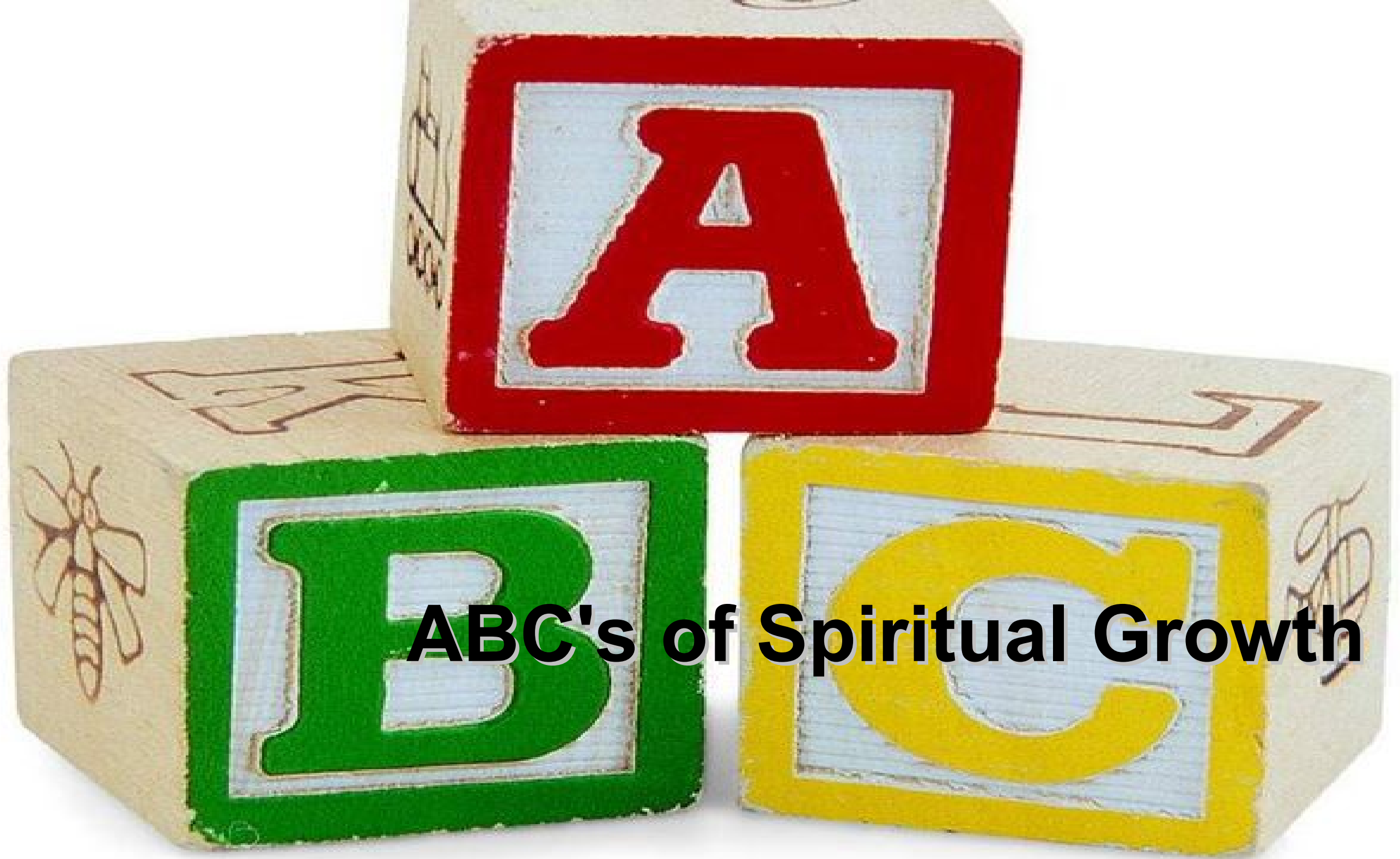
1 Peter 2:18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.



Tools in the Workshop Discussion



“Isaiah 66:1,2 Thus says the LORD: ” *Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist,*” Says the LORD. ” *But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.*



ABC's of Spiritual Growth



“A” is Anyone!



“**A**” All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. (Is. 53:3)

I have been **crucified with** Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Gal 2:20) ⁴¹

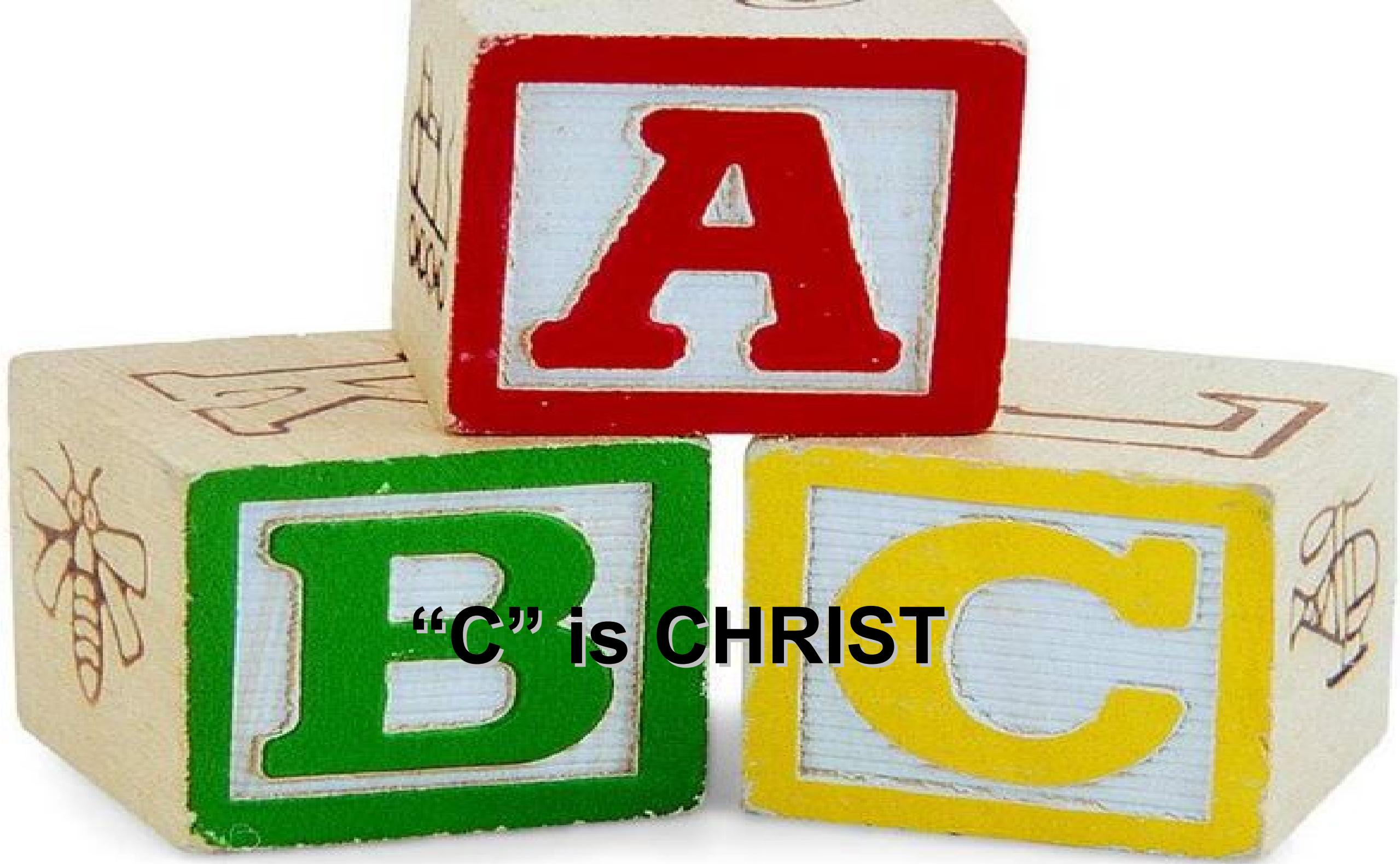


“B” is “Believe!”



“B” - “Believe... But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes.” (Mk 9:22)

“Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 6:6,11)



“C” is CHRIST



“C” - “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. (Gal. 5:16,17)

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And have **put on** the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, **put on** tender mercies, kindness, humility, **meeekness**, long suffering. But above all these things **put on** love, which is the bond of perfection. (Col. 3:10, 12, 14)



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Christ, and make no
provision for the flesh,
to *fulfill its* lusts.

Rom. 13:14