

Ministry Through Use Of The Scripture

In life giving ministry it is helpful to know the scriptures that pertain to the area of ministry. Many times simply reading the word of God to the person, praying with them, and allowing the Holy Spirit to bring conviction and truth to their lives, is the only role we will play in ministering to them. The following are some scriptures, arranged alphabetically by subject, you might find helpful in life giving ministry:

Life Giving Scripture References

Abortion

Exodus 20:13 – Ten Commandments, you shall not murder
Psalm 127:3 – Children are a reward from God.
Psalm 139:13-16 – God created us and knew us in our mother’s womb

Addictions (alcohol, drugs etc.)

Roman 6:12 – Do not let sin control your body
1 Corinthians 6:19 – Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit
Galatians 5:1 – Through Christ we can be set free
Galatians 5:16 – Live by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh

Adultery

1 Corinthians 6:9 – Adulterers will not enter heaven
Exodus 20: 14 – Ten Commandments, you shall not commit adultery
Hebrews 13:4 – God will judge the adulterer

Anger

James 1:19 – Anger does not achieve God’s righteousness
Ephesians 4:26, 31 - Don’t let the sun go down on your anger, or give devil opportunity
Matthew 5:28-40 - Turn the other cheek.
Colossians 3:8 – We must rid ourselves of anger

Anxiety

Philippians 4:6-13 - Don’t worry, pray
1 Peter 5:7 – Cast all of your anxiety on Jesus
Hebrews 13:5-6 – God will never leave you or forsake you

Backsliding

1 John 1:8-9 – If we confess our sins He will forgive us
Jude 24-25 – Jesus can keep us from falling
Matthew 7:18-21 – Only those who bear good fruit will enter heaven

Baptism of the Spirit

Acts 2:38 – Repent and will receive the baptism of the Spirit
Luke 11:13 – Anyone who asks can receive the Holy Spirit

Child Discipline

Ephesians 6:4 – Fathers don't provoke your children to anger
Samuel 15:23 – Rebellion is the sin of witchcraft
Colossians 3:21 – Fathers don't frustrate you children
Proverbs 13:24 – He who spares the rod hates the son
Proverbs 22:6 – Train a child well and as they grow old they will not depart from their training.
Proverbs 22:15 – The rod will drive folly from the heart of a child

Children's responsibilities

Ephesians 6:1 – Children obey your parents
Exodus 20:12 – Honor your father and mother that you may live long

Condemnation

Romans 8:1 – There is no condemnation for those in Christ
John 5:24 – He who hears the word and believes will not be condemned.
John 3:17-18 – Jesus did not come to condemn the world but to save it.

Confession/Repentance

1 John 1:9 – If we confess He will forgive our sins
Psalm 32:3 – When you keep silent about sin your body wastes away
James 5:16 – Confess your sins to one another

Cults

1 John 4:1 – Test the spirits
Mark 13:21-23 – False prophets deceive even the elect

Deliverance

James 4:7 – Resist the devil and he will flee
Matthew 18:18 – We have the power to bind demons
Luke 10:19 – We can tread on the enemy and he cannot injure us

Deny Self

Matthew 20:26-27 – The greatest shall be a servant
Matthew 8:34 – Those who come after Jesus must deny themselves
John 12:24 – A grain of wheat must die to bear fruit

Depression

Psalms 51:10-12 – Restore the joy of our salvation
Romans 8:28, 31 – All things work together for good to those who love God
1 Thessalonians 5:18 – Give thanks in all circumstances

Matthew 11:28-39 – Come to the Lord when weary and burdened and find rest

Psalms 147:3 – God heals the brokenhearted

Discouragement

Galatians 6:9 – Do not become weary in doing good, you will be rewarded

Psalms 138:7-8 – Though I walk in the midst of trouble, God saves me

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 – We are hard pressed but do not despair

Divorce

Malachi 2:15-16 – God hates divorce

Matthew 5:4 – Husband divorces wife makes her commit adultery

1 Corinthians 7:10-15 – A wife must not separate from her husband, a husband should not divorce his wife

Faith

Hebrews 11:1 – Faith is assurance of things hoped for

Hebrews 11:6 – Without faith cannot please God

Hebrews 12:2 – Jesus is author of our faith

James 2:17 – Faith w/o works is dead

Fasting

Matthew 6:16 – When you fast (we are to fast)

Isaiah 58:3 – On the day of your fast you have your request

Isaiah 58:5 – The fast the Lord desires is for a man to be humble

Fear

Romans 8:13-17 – When you die to the flesh you are free from fear

2 Thessalonians 3:3 – The Lord will protect you from evil

Isaiah 41:10 – Do not fear for God is with you

Psalms 27:1-3 – The Lord is my light whom shall I fear

Psalms 23 – The Lord is my shepherd

Psalms 91 – If you make the Lord your refuge, no harm will befall you

Fear of Man

Colossians 3:23 – Do your work for the Lord not to impress men

Matthew 6:1 – If you do good works to please men, lose your reward in Heaven

Psalms 56:11 – Trust in God, do not fear, what can man do to you?

Fear of the Lord

Proverbs 19:23 – The fear of the Lord leads to life and being untouched by evil

Ecclesiastes 12:13 – When all is said and done, fear the Lord the most important thing.

Psalm 25:14 – The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him

Forgiveness

2 Corinthians 2:10-11 – Forgive others and Satan does not have an advantage over you

Matthew 6:14-15 – If you forgive others, God will forgive you

Romans 12: 14 – Bless those who persecute you

Fornication

1 Corinthians 6:9 – Fornicators will not enter heaven

Generational Curses

Jeremiah 36:18 – God repays the iniquity of the fathers on the children

Exodus 20:5 – God is jealous and visits iniquity of fathers on children to 3rd and 4th generation

God's Expectations of Us

Micah 6:8 – To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before Him

Isaiah 66:2 – Humility, contrite spirit, and tremble at His word

Matthew 5:3, 8 – Pure in heart and spirit see God

John 5:10 – Keep His commandments, love Him and others

Grief

John 14:1-3 – Jesus goes to prepare a place for us after we die

John 11:25 – If we believe in Jesus, yet we die, we shall live

1 Corinthians 13:12 – Now we see in a mirror dimly, but then, face to face

Guilt

Romans 3:23 – All have sinned

Romans 6:23 – God freely gives eternal life

Romans 8:1-3 – There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus

Healing

Isaiah 53:4-5 – Jesus took our infirmities, by His stripes we are healed

1 John 5:14-15 – Ask anything of God according to His will, and He hears us

Matthew 10:1 – We have authority to heal every disease and sickness

Jeremiah 30:17 – God will restore your health

Psalm 103:3 – The Lord forgives our sins and heals all of our diseases

Holiness

1 Peter 1:14-16 – Be holy in our behavior

Ecclesiastes 20:22 – Be holy as the Lord Himself is holy

Romans 12:2 – Don't be conformed to the world

Hebrews 12:14 – Pursue sanctification without which you will not see the Lord

Holy Spirit

- John 16:7 – Better when Jesus leaves and Holy Spirit comes
- John 16:8-13 – Brings conviction of truth
- Acts 9:31 – Brings comfort
- 1 Corinthians 2:8-13 – Brings wonderful things to the life of the believer
- 1 Corinthians 12:7 – Brings spiritual gifts

Homosexuality

- 1 Corinthians 6:9 – Homosexuals will not enter heaven
- Romans 1:24-28 – Stems from a depraved mind

Hope

- Jeremiah 29:11 – For I know the plans I have for you, to give you future and hope
- Psalms 33:20 – We wait in hope for the Lord, He is our shield, in Him we rejoice
- Proverbs 13:12 – Hope deferred makes the heart sick
- Proverbs 23:18 – There is future hope for you and your hope will not be cut off
- Isaiah 40:31 – Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength and soar on wings as eagles

Humility

- Matthew 18:4 – The greatest in God's kingdom are the humble
- James 4:10 – Humble yourself and God will exalt you
- Proverbs 22:4 – Humility brings wealth, honor, and life
- Psalms 37:11 – Humility brings abundant prosperity
- James 4:6 – God gives His grace to the humble

Husband Responsibilities

- 1 Peter 3:7 – Take care of your wife or your prayers will go unanswered
- Ephesians 5:25 – Love your wife as Christ loved the Church
- 1 Timothy 3:1-13 – Characteristics of a man of God
- Hebrews 13:4 – Honor the marriage bed
- 1 Corinthians 7:3-4 – Husbands must fulfill their marriage duties to their wives

Incest/Molestation

- Leviticus 18:6 – Don't have sexual relations with a family member
- Leviticus 20:11, 12, 14, 17 – Those who participate in incest will be put to death
- 1 Corinthians 5:1.5 – Paul hands over to Satan those caught in incest
- 1 Corinthians 10:13 – God is faithful and will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you can endure

Intercession

1 Timothy 2:1 – Intercession be made for everyone
Ephesians 6:19 – Paul requests intercession on his behalf
Colossians 1:3 – Paul intercedes for others

Jealousy

James 3:16 – Jealousy and envy results in disorder and evil
1 Corinthians 3:3 – Jealousy is worldliness
Exodus 20:17 – We shall not covet the property of others

Judgment Seat

2 Corinthians 5:10 – Judged according to our deeds
Matthew 7:20-21 – Must know Jesus to get into heaven, miraculous works won't be enough
1 Corinthians 6:2 – Saints will judge the world

Judging Others

Matthew 7:2 – We will be judged in the manner we judge others
James 2:13 – Judgment will be merciless for those who show no mercy
John 5:30 – Jesus judged from hearing God, not from His own opinions

Loneliness

Isaiah 54:10 – God's love for us is unfailing
Hebrews 13:5-6 – God will never leave us or forsake us
Revelation 3:20 – Jesus wants to have fellowship with us
Psalm 34:18 – The Lord is close to the brokenhearted

Love One Another

1 Peter 1:22 – Fervently love one another from the heart
1 John 2:10 – If you love one another you abide in the light
1 John 4:7-8 – If you love one another you are born of God because God is love

Lust

Romans 13:14 – Don't make provision for lust
1 Thessalonians 4:4 – Self discipline over lust
Galatians 5:16-18 – Live by the spirit and won't carry out desires of the flesh
Romans 6:12-13 – Do not let sin reign in your body, do not give your body to sin

Marriage

1 Corinthians 11:3 – Christ the head of man, man the head of the woman
1 Corinthians 7:27-28 – It's OK to marry but it brings on lots of hardship. It's OK to be single to avoid such hardship
1 Corinthians 7:9 – It is better to marry than burn with passion

Marital Problems

Psalm 101:2 – I will walk in my house with a blameless heart
Joshua 24:15 – As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord
Ephesians 4:31-32 – Get rid of anger, be kind and compassionate to one another
Ephesians 5:33 – Husbands love your wives as yourself, wives respect your husbands

Materialism

1 Timothy 6:8 – Be content with food and shelter
1 Timothy 6:10 – The love of money the root of evil
1 John 2:15 – If you love the world the love of God is not in you
1 John 3:17 – If have the world's goods and see a brother in need, the love of God not in you

Money

Mathew 6:24 – Don't be a slave to money
Proverbs 3:9-10 – Give God the first fruits
Proverbs 3:5 – Trust the Lord in your finances
Proverbs 13:11 – Be honest in the use of your money
Philippians 4:19 – God will meet all of your needs
Luke 6:38 – Give and it will be given unto you

Obedience

1 John 2:3 – Through obedience we come to know Him
1 John 3:21 – If obedient, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you
Deuteronomy 11:26-28 – You have a choice between blessing and curse, a blessing if you choose to obey the Lord's commandments
1 Samuel 15:22-23 – Rebellion is like the sin of witchcraft
John 14:15-21 – Through obedience we receive the Holy Spirit, Jesus reveals Himself to us and abides in us
James 1:22 – Don't just hear the word of God, do what it says

Peace of Mind

Romans 5:1 – Because of our faith we have peace with God
Col 3:15 – Let the peace of God rule in your hearts
Psalm 4:8 – Sleep in peace for the Lord is our safety

Persistence

Revelation 3:5 – To him who overcomes it will be granted their names written in the book of life

Prayer

- 1 John 3:21 – If your heart doesn't condemn you, ask what you wish
- 1 John 5:14-15 – Confidence comes from praying

Prayer Shield

- Ephesians 6:18 – We are to pray and intercede for each other
- Ephesians 6:19 – Paul requests prayer on his behalf

Pride

- Proverbs 16:5 – Pride is an abomination to God
- James 4:6 – God is opposed to the proud
- Isaiah 25:11 – God will bring down the proud

Priorities

- Matthew 22:36-39 – Greatest commandment is to love God then love neighbor second commandment
- Matthew 18:3-4 – Greatest in kingdom of God are the humble
- Matthew 20:26-28 – Whoever wishes to be great must first be a servant

Reap What You Sow

- Galatians 6:7 – God is not mocked, you will reap what you sow
- Jeremiah 17:9 – The Lord gives to each according to his deeds

Reconciliation

- 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 – God reconciled the world through Christ
- Matthew 5:23-26 – Before giving your offering be reconciled with your brother
- Matthew 18:15-17 – Principle of godly reconciliation

Sabbath

- Isaiah 58:13 – If you turn from pleasure on Sabbath God will bless you
- Exodus 20:8-11 – Keep Sabbath holy. Do no work on the Sabbath

Salvation

- Romans 6:23 – Wages of sin is death
- Romans 8:1 – No condemnation for those in Christ Jesus
- Ephesians 2:8-9 – We are saved by grace
- Philippians 2:12-13 – Work out your salvation with fear and trembling

Soul-ties

- 1 Corinthians 5:9 – Do not associate with immoral brother
- 1 Corinthians 15:33 – Bad company corrupts good morals
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6 – Do not associate with unruly brother
- 2 Corinthians 6:14 – Do not be bound together with unbelievers

Spiritual Gifts

1 Timothy 4:14
1 Corinthians 12:7-11
Ephesians 4:11-13
1 Peter 4:10-11

Spiritual Warfare

1 Timothy 4:1 – Pay attention to deceitful spirits
1 Timothy 6:12 – Fight the good fight of faith
Ephesians 6:10-18 – Put on the armor of God. Our struggle is against spiritual enemy
2 Timothy 2:4 – No soldier entangles himself in everyday life
James 4:7 – Humble yourself, resist the devil and he will flee
1 Peter 5:8 – Be on the alert, the devil like a roaring lion out to destroy you

Submission to Authority

1 Peter 2:13 – Submit to authority
Hebrews 13:17 – Obey leaders and submit to their authority

Suicide

Psalms 91:1, 11,12,15,16 – Take refuge in the Lord and he will defend you
John 10:10 – Jesus came to give us abundant life

Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:13 – God will not allow you to be tempted above what you can handle
Genesis 4:7 – We must master sin
Romans 6:6 – Crucify self and no longer be a slave to sin
Romans 13:14 – Make no provision for the flesh
2 Corinthians 10:5 – Take every thought captive
Galatians 5:16 – Walk by spirit and won't carry out the desires of the flesh
James 1:14 – Tempted when carried away with our own lust
Philippians 4:8 – Let your mind dwell on good things
Matthew 26:41 – Watch and pray that you will not fall into temptation

Thanksgiving

Psalms 100:1 – Enter His gates with thanksgiving
Psalm 139:13 – I will give thanks for I am fearfully and wonderfully made

Tithing and Giving

Malachi 3:8-10 – Test God to see if He will not bless you when you tithe
Philippians 4:17 – Giving profits our account
Proverbs 3:9 – Honor the Lord from the first of our fruits
Luke 6:38 – Give and it will be given unto you

Trials

James 1:12 – Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial
2 Corinthians 4:17 – Afflictions produce eternal glory
1 Peter 4:12 – Do not be surprised with trials, they are for your testing
1 Peter 5:10 – After suffered for a while, God will strengthen you
Revelation 3:19 – Those who are loved will be disciplined

Trust in the Lord

Proverbs 3:5 – Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and He will make your paths straight
Ephesians 6:16 – Put on the shield of faith
Psalm 56:4 – Trust in the Lord and do not be afraid
John 14:1 – Don't be troubled, trust in God, He will prepare a place for you

Who We Are In Christ

1 Peter 2:9 – We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood
Revelation 2:26 – He who overcomes will be given authority to rule the nations
Ephesians 2:6 – We are seated with Christ in the heavenly realm
John 1:12 – We are children of God

Wife Responsibilities

1 Peter 3:1-6 – Submit to husband
Ephesians 5:33 – Respect your husband
1 Timothy 2:9 – Adorn yourself modestly
1 Timothy 2:12 – Women should not exercise authority over men
Titus 2:5 – Be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind and submissive
1 Corinthians 7:3-4 – The wife's body belongs to her husband
Hebrews 13:4 – Keep the marriage bed pure
1 Corinthians 7:39 – The wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives

Words And Their Power

Ephesians 4:29-30 – Let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth
Proverbs 18:21 – Life and death are in the power of our words
Matthew 12:36 – We will be held accountable for every careless word
Colossians 4:6 – Let speech always be with grace