

LOVING LOYALTY



UNSHAKABLE COMMITMENT IN RESPONSE TO UNMERITED FAVOR

On what basis do we accept instruction?

- **Credibility and Authority** (Does this person know what they are talking about?)



On what basis do we accept instruction?

- **Credibility and Authority** (Does this person know what they are talking about?)
- **Relevancy** (Do I need and care about this information?)



On what basis do we accept instruction?

- **Credibility and Authority** (Does this person know what they are talking about?)
- **Relevancy** (Do I need and care about this information?)
- **Accessibility** (Can I understand and make use of this information?)



Acts 2:41-42

English Standard Version (ESV)

41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.



**Jesus' apostles were authorized
and empowered by the Holy Spirit
to teach people what it means to
be loyal to King Jesus.**



2 Corinthians 4:5-7

English Standard Version (ESV)

⁵ For **what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord**, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing **power belongs to God and not to us.**



2 Corinthians 4:8-11

English Standard Version (ESV)

⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.



2 Corinthians 4:12

English Standard Version (ESV)

¹² So **death** is at work in us, but **life** in you.



1 Corinthians 2:7-8

English Standard Version (ESV)

⁷ But **we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God**, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.



1 Corinthians 2:9-10

English Standard Version (ESV)

⁹ But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—¹⁰ **these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit.** For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.



1 Corinthians 2:11-12

English Standard Version (ESV)

¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.



1 Corinthians 2:13-15

English Standard Version (ESV)

¹³ **And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit**, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.



1 Corinthians 2:16

English Standard Version (ESV)

¹⁶ “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But **we have the mind of Christ.**



The Apostles Continue to Speak with **Authority, Relevancy, and Accessibility.**

- **Participation in Church Life** (1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4)



The Apostles Continue to Speak with **Authority, Relevancy, and Accessibility.**

- **Participation in Church Life** (1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4)
- **Sexual Behavior and Marriage** (1 Corinthians 5; Ephesians 5)



The Apostles Continue to Speak with **Authority, Relevancy, and Accessibility.**

- **Participation in Church Life** (1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4)
- **Sexual Behavior and Marriage** (1 Corinthians 5; Ephesians 5)
- **Generosity and Hospitality** (1 Timothy 6:17-18; 1 Peter 4:8-11)



The Apostles Continue to Speak with **Authority, Relevancy, and Accessibility.**

- **Participation in Church Life** (1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4)
- **Sexual Behavior and Marriage** (1 Corinthians 5; Ephesians 5)
- **Generosity and Hospitality** (1 Timothy 6:17-18; 1 Peter 4:8-11)
- **Ethnic Reconciliation** (Ephesians 2:11-22)



The Apostles Continue to Speak with Authority, Relevancy, and Accessibility.

- **Participation in Church Life** (1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4)
- **Sexual Behavior and Marriage** (1 Corinthians 5; Ephesians 5)
- **Generosity and Hospitality** (1 Timothy 6:17-18; 1 Peter 4:8-11)
- **Ethnic Reconciliation** (Ephesians 2:11-22)
- **Love for Everyone, Including Enemies** (Romans 12:9-21)



**We express our loyalty to Jesus
by LISTENING TO and LIVING OUT the
teachings of his apostles.**

