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Editorial Introduction

By Major Stephen Court, editor

Greetings in Jesus' name. Mercy and peace to you from God our Father. Welcome to JAC157 - the 157th issue of Journal of Aggressive Christianity. We've got an informative issue for you this season, with entries that can inform your worship, devotion, discipling, instruction, and evangelism.

Phil Laeger leads our issue with a summary of his perspective on Worship Culture In The Salvation Army.

And, following Phil (a good activity in which to engage), we've got a JAC feature. A couple of issues ago (JAC155) we had a Grok feature (in case you are reading this in the future and things have changed significantly, it was an early AI programme). Here in JAC157, we're trying out another AI programme, Copilot, for its take on our rankings topics. And they are...

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That should keep you engaged and edified and inspired. If you somehow complete all of this before Jesus returns or JAC158 is due, then please explore the JAC archives.

Courage and Godspeed.

Much grace.

Worship Culture In The Salvation Army

By Phil Laeger

Recently I was asked my opinion on the state of the worship culture of The Salvation Army, and what, if any advice I would give towards a more healthy worship culture. This is an impossible question to answer because our Army is global and diverse, but I do have a couple of thoughts based on my experience over the last 30 years of leading worship in different TSA contexts.

1. I am encouraged by the hunger of (especially young) people to experience the presence of the living God in corporate worship settings. And when I examine the lives of many of these people, this hunger is not divorced from a real desire for authentic discipleship to Jesus in all of life. This is a winning formula.
2. There is a willingness by many leaders to give way to longer times of uninterrupted sung worship in place of jam-packed meetings. This is a good trend that allows us to keep the main thing the main thing and not get bogged down in formality and “the way things have always been” — we are a family gathering for real life friendship, fellowship, feasting on the Word, and fanning into flame the gifts of the Holy Spirit—not a gathering to witness note-perfect performances.
3. Our local, divisional and territorial music programs around the world really are second to none. I am so thankful for that upbringing, and especially for those leaders in those settings who modeled spiritual depth far outpacing musical excellence. Past investment in these programs has blessed the entire world both inside and outside the Army.
4. We should continue building on those investments by also training people in worship leadership (a different set of skills built on top of musical training). We’ve already begun to do this in some places. More is needed.
5. We need more new songs. Songs of faith that inspire more devotion and wholeheartedness to Jesus. I am as ecumenically-minded as it can get in terms of lifting one song as a universal Church. But we have a distinct voice within the body of Christ. We have a wonderful history of music originating in our movement. We can’t rest on our laurels though. We need new music. Otherwise, “if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be seasoned again...”
6. A bona fide worship conference for and by Salvationists. Maybe it needs to happen as something that is ancillary to the Army (aka not an official event) with blood & fire flavor. A time set aside. “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wondrous things among you.”
7. Brass bands are not going anywhere. Sure, we have seen a steep decline in the number of our worship centers that have active bands. But that is a multifaceted issue. I can tell you this, that the healthy brass band communities that I have seen are doing wonderful things to include those who normally would not step foot inside a church.

8. Simplify the meetings. Give your brass band the Sunday off. Give your worship team the Sunday off. Don't jam everything into one meeting. If you have only allotted an hour for meeting once a week (in place of, mind you, the 3-5 meetings per week every corps used to have), then at least make sure you use it well. Don't waste the time on offering collection. Put a plate at the back of the sanctuary. Don't waste time on announcements—put it on screen or email it or text it or social media or or or or... / Welcome everyone. Worship for half an hour. Preach for half an hour. Or do what I have heard one corps does: worship for an hour, break for refreshments for a few minutes, then listen to the Word being preached for an hour!

9. If you have a praise team, an hour on Sunday mornings before the meeting is not enough rehearsal time. Not if you want to grow in impact. Have another time during the week for rehearsal if at all possible. Pre-meeting is for tuning things up. If the hour before the meeting is indeed all that is possible, then again, simplify what you are planning.

10. God is good. He is showing all of us what is and isn't important. We need each other. All kinds of styles and preferences are welcome. We just need to keep holding out what the main point of our meetings is and see if what we are actually doing helps us meet those goals. God will help us in His infinite and infinitely available wisdom.

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Copilot: Here are the top ten books in the Bible to help you become entirely sanctified, along with rationale and verse references from The Passion Translation.

Copilot10

John

- Rationale: 1 John focuses on living in the light and love of God, which is crucial for sanctification.
- Key Verse: *1 John 1:7 - "But if we keep living in the pure light that surrounds him, we share unbroken fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, continually cleanses us from all sin."*

Copilot9

Hebrews

- Rationale: Hebrews provides deep insights into the priesthood of Christ and the process of sanctification through faith.
- Key Verse: *Hebrews 12:14 - "In every relationship be swift to choose peace over competition, and run swiftly toward holiness, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord."*

Copilot8

1 Peter

- Rationale: 1 Peter encourages believers to live holy lives in the midst of suffering and trials.
- Key Verse: *1 Peter 1:15-16 - "Instead, shape your lives to become like the Holy One who called you. For Scripture says: 'You are to be holy, because I am holy.'"*

Copilot7

James

- Rationale: James emphasizes practical holiness and the importance of faith demonstrated through works.
- Key Verse: *James 1:22 - "Don't just listen to the Word of Truth and not respond to it, for that is the essence of self-deception."*

Copilot6

1 Thessalonians

- Rationale: 1 Thessalonians provides practical advice on living a holy life and being sanctified entirely.
- Key Verse: *1 Thessalonians 5:23 - "Now, may the God of peace and harmony set you apart, making you completely holy."*

Copilot5

Colossians

- Rationale: Colossians teaches about the supremacy of Christ and the importance of setting one's mind on things above.
- Key Verse: *Colossians 3:1-2 - "Christ's resurrection is your resurrection too. This is why we are to yearn for all that is above, for that's where Christ sits enthroned at the place of all power, honor, and authority!"*

Copilot4

Philippians

- Rationale: Philippians encourages believers to live a life worthy of the gospel and to press on towards spiritual maturity.
- Key Verse: *Philippians 3:12-14 - "I run with passion into his abundance so that I may reach the purpose that Jesus Christ has called me to fulfill and wants me to discover."*

Copilot3

Ephesians

- Rationale: Ephesians highlights the believer's identity in Christ and the process of growing into spiritual maturity.
- Key Verse: *Ephesians 4:22-24 - "And be transformed as you embrace the glorious Christ within as your new life and live in union with him!"*

Copilot2

Galatians

- Rationale: Galatians focuses on freedom from the law and living by the Spirit, which is essential for sanctification.
- Key Verse: *Galatians 5:16 - "Let me emphasize this: As you yield to the dynamic life and power of the Holy Spirit, you will abandon the cravings of your self-life."*

Copilot1

Romans

- Rationale: Romans provides a comprehensive understanding of salvation, grace, and sanctification. It emphasizes the transformation through the renewal of the mind.
- Key Verse: *Romans 12:2 - "Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think."*

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Revelation

- Rationale: Revelation provides a glimpse into the supernatural realm and the ultimate victory of Christ.
- Key Verse: *Revelation 21:4 - "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."*

Copilot9

Romans

- Rationale: Romans discusses the transformative power of the Holy Spirit and living a life led by the Spirit.
- Key Verse: *Romans 8:11 - "The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you."*

Copilot8

Luke

- Rationale: Luke provides detailed accounts of Jesus' miraculous works and the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Key Verse: *Luke 4:18 - "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, and He has anointed Me to be hope for the poor, freedom for the brokenhearted, and new eyes for the blind."*

Copilot7

Mark

- Rationale: The Gospel of Mark is filled with accounts of Jesus' miracles and teachings on faith and the kingdom of God.
- Key Verse: *Mark 16:17-18 - "These signs will accompany those who believe: in My name, they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."*

Copilot6

James

- Rationale: James emphasizes the power of prayer and faith in producing supernatural results.
- Key Verse: *James 5:16 - "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."*

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Copilot4

Ephesians

- Rationale: Ephesians teaches about the believer's authority in Christ and the spiritual blessings available to them.
- Key Verse: *Ephesians 1:19-20 - "I pray that you will continually experience the immeasurable greatness of God's power made available to you through faith."*

Copilot3

1 Corinthians

- Rationale: 1 Corinthians discusses spiritual gifts and the power of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer.
- Key Verse: *1 Corinthians 12:7 - "Each believer is given continuous revelation by the Holy Spirit to benefit not just himself but all."*

Copilot2

John

- Rationale: The Gospel of John emphasizes the divinity of Jesus and His miraculous works, encouraging believers to live in His supernatural power.
- Key Verse: *John 14:12 - "I tell you this timeless truth: the person who follows Me in faith, believing in Me, will do the same mighty miracles that I do— even greater miracles than these because I go to be with My Father!"*

Copilot1

Acts

- Rationale: Acts is filled with accounts of the early church's supernatural experiences, including miracles, healings, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- Key Verse: *Acts 2:4 - "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak."*

Ten Things In Copilot's Ranking Of The Top Ten Books Of The Bible To Help You Evangelise Effectively

Are the roots of bitterness gone? This is what Brengle used to ask soldiers - That is, are you living the victorious life, above sin, or are you always struggling to dominate the active sinful nature (natural inclination to act selfishly) in your life? Why not root out 'the' sin that so easily entangles, the old man, the sinful nature, the natural inclination to sin? Why not neutralise it, render it inactive, crucify it, smash it up? The sanctified soul has no enemies within (but fierce conflict without, says the 1940 Handbook of Doctrine).

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1 Peter

- Rationale: 1 Peter encourages believers to be ready to give an answer for their hope and to live exemplary lives.
- Key Verse: *1 Peter 3:15 - "But give reverent honor in your hearts to the Anointed One and treat him as the holy Master of your lives. And if anyone asks about the hope living within you, always be ready to explain your faith with gentleness and respect."*

Copilot9

Colossians

- Rationale: Colossians focuses on the supremacy of Christ and the importance of sharing the gospel with wisdom.
- Key Verse: *Colossians 4:5-6 - "Walk in the wisdom of God as you live before the unbelievers, and make it your duty to make him known. Let every word you speak be drenched with grace and tempered with truth and clarity."*

The Holy Ghost Is With Me. (William Booth)

Booth wrote this in his late years. We figure that it is a truth injection and a confidence builder for everyone for whom it is true. May it strengthen your resolve in your warfighting each day as you recall it.

Is Holy Spirit with you? This is absolutely essential for any meaningful eternal impact on the world from your actions. Why waste your efforts? Why exert energy where Holy Spirit is not evidently working?

Copilot8

Philippians

- Rationale: Philippians encourages believers to live in a manner worthy of the gospel and to shine as lights in the world.
- Key Verse: *Philippians 2:15* - "You will appear among them as shining lights in the universe, offering them the words of eternal life."

"Remember the poor." Paul was commanded it. And it's the one thing he wanted to do. How? That's a book or three. But let's live with, identify with, become, and think of when we're spending. Simplify. Hang out with them; Jesus does.

Copilot7

Ephesians

- Rationale: Ephesians highlights the mystery of the gospel and the unity of believers, encouraging evangelism to all people.
- Key Verse: *Ephesians 2:8-9* - "For it was only through this wonderful grace that we believed in him. Nothing we did could ever earn this salvation, for it was the gracious gift from God that brought us to Christ!"

Copilot6

Galatians

- Rationale: Galatians defends the gospel of grace and the importance of faith over works, which is crucial for evangelistic clarity.
- Key Verse: *Galatians 2:20* - "My old identity has been co-crucified with Messiah and no longer lives; for the nails of his cross crucified me with him. And now the essence of this new life is no longer mine, for the Anointed One lives his life through me."

Copilot5

2 Corinthians

- Rationale: 2 Corinthians emphasizes the ministry of reconciliation and the ambassadorial role of believers.
- Key Verse: *2 Corinthians 5:20* - "We are ambassadors of the Anointed One who carry the message of Christ to the world, as though God were tenderly pleading with them directly through our lips."

Copilot4

1 Corinthians

- Rationale: 1 Corinthians discusses the importance of preaching Christ crucified and the role of spiritual gifts in evangelism.
- Key Verse: *1 Corinthians 1:23* - "But we preach the crucified Messiah—the Jews stumble over him and the rest of the world sees him as foolishness."

Copilot3

Romans

- Rationale: Romans offers a comprehensive explanation of the gospel and the righteousness that comes by faith, essential for evangelistic messages.
- Key Verse: *Romans 1:16 - "I refuse to be ashamed of sharing the wonderful message of God's liberating power unleashed in us through Christ! For I am thrilled to preach that everyone who believes is saved—the Jew first, and then people everywhere!"*

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Copilot2

Acts

- Rationale: Acts records the early church's evangelistic efforts and the spread of the gospel through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Key Verse: *Acts 1:8 - "But I promise you this—the Holy Spirit will come upon you and you will be seized with power. You will be my messengers to Jerusalem, throughout Judea, the distant provinces—even to the remotest places on earth!"*

Copilot1

Matthew

- Rationale: Matthew provides a detailed account of Jesus' teachings and the Great Commission, which is foundational for evangelism.
- Key Verse: *Matthew 28:19-20 - "Now go in my authority and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And teach them to faithfully follow all that I have commanded you."*

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- Key Verse: *1 Peter 2:2 - "Be like newborn babies crying out for spiritual milk that will help you grow into salvation."*

Copilot9

James

- Rationale: James emphasizes practical holiness and the importance of faith demonstrated through works.
- Key Verse: *James 1:22 - "Put the word into action. If you think hearing is what matters most, you are going to find you have been deceived."*

Copilot8

1 Thessalonians

- Rationale: 1 Thessalonians provides practical advice on living a holy life and being sanctified entirely.
- Key Verse: *1 Thessalonians 5:11 - "So support one another. Keep building each other up as you have been doing."*

Copilot7

Colossians

- Rationale: Colossians teaches about the supremacy of Christ and the importance of setting one's mind on things above.
- Key Verse: *Colossians 3:16 - "Let the word of the Anointed One richly inhabit your lives. With all wisdom, teach, counsel, and instruct one another."*

Copilot6

Philippians

- Rationale: Philippians encourages believers to live a life worthy of the gospel and to press on towards spiritual maturity.
- Key Verse: *Philippians 2:12-13 - "Continue to work out your salvation with great fear and trembling, because God is energizing you so that you will desire and do what always pleases Him."*

Copilot5

Ephesians

- Rationale: Ephesians highlights the believer's identity in Christ and the process of growing into spiritual maturity.
- Key Verse: *Ephesians 4:15 - "Instead, by truth spoken in love, we are to grow in every way into Him—the Anointed One."*

Copilot4

1 Corinthians

- Rationale: 1 Corinthians discusses spiritual gifts, love, and the importance of building up the church, which are crucial for effective discipleship.
- Key Verse: *1 Corinthians 12:7 - "Each believer is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."*

Copilot3

Romans

- Rationale: Romans offers deep theological insights into salvation, grace, and living a life led by the Spirit, essential for discipling others.
- Key Verse: *Romans 12:2 - "Do not allow this world to mold you in its own image. Instead, be transformed from the inside out by renewing your mind."*

Copilot2

Acts

- Rationale: Acts records the early church's discipleship practices and the spread of the gospel through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Key Verse: *Acts 2:42 - "The community continually committed themselves to learning what the apostles taught them, gathering for fellowship, breaking bread, and praying."*

Copilot1

Matthew

- Rationale: Matthew provides comprehensive teachings of Jesus, including the Sermon on the Mount and the Great Commission, which are foundational for discipleship.
- Key Verse: *Matthew 28:19-20 - "Go out and make disciples in all the nations. Ceremonially wash them through baptism in the name of the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then disciple them. Form them in the practices and postures that I have taught you."*

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Isaiah

- Rationale: Isaiah contains powerful prayers and prophecies that inspire believers to seek God deeply and intimately.
- Key Verse: *Isaiah 55:6 - "Seek the Lord Yahweh when he makes himself approachable; call upon him when you sense he is near."*

Copilot9

1 John

- Rationale: 1 John focuses on living in the light and love of God, which is crucial for deep and intimate prayer.
- Key Verse: *1 John 5:14 - "Since we have this confidence, we can also have great boldness before him, for if we ask anything agreeable to his will, he will hear us."*

Copilot8

Hebrews

- Rationale: Hebrews provides insights into the priesthood of Christ and encourages believers to approach God with confidence in prayer.
- Key Verse: *Hebrews 4:16 - "So now we come freely and boldly to where love is enthroned, to receive mercy's kiss and discover the grace we urgently need to strengthen us in our time of weakness."*

Copilot7

Romans

- Rationale: Romans discusses the transformative power of the Holy Spirit and encourages believers to pray in alignment with God's will.
- Key Verse: *Romans 8:26 - "And in a similar way, the Holy Spirit takes hold of us in our human frailty to empower us in our weakness. For example, at times we don't even know how to pray or know the best things to ask for."*

Copilot6

James

- Rationale: James emphasizes the power of prayer and the importance of praying with faith and perseverance.
- Key Verse: *James 5:16 - "Tremendous power is released through the passionate, heartfelt prayer of a godly believer!"*

Copilot5

Colossians

- Rationale: Colossians teaches about the supremacy of Christ and the importance of prayer in seeking divine wisdom and understanding.
- Key Verse: *Colossians 4:2 - "Be faithful to pray as intercessors who are fully alert and giving thanks to God."*

Copilot4

Philippians

- Rationale: Philippians encourages believers to pray with thanksgiving and peace, fostering a deep and intimate prayer life.
- Key Verse: *Philippians 4:6-7 - "Don't be pulled in different directions or worried about a thing. Be saturated in prayer throughout each day, offering your faith-filled requests before God with overflowing gratitude."*

Copilot3

Ephesians

- Rationale: Ephesians contains profound prayers and teachings on the spiritual blessings in Christ, encouraging believers to pray with confidence and depth.
- Key Verse: *Ephesians 3:16-17 - "And I pray that he would unveil within you the unlimited riches of his glory and favor until supernatural strength floods your innermost being with his divine might and explosive power."*

Copilot2

John

- Rationale: The Gospel of John emphasizes the intimate relationship between Jesus and the Father, providing insights into how to pray with deep connection.
- Key Verse: *John 15:7 - "But if you live in life-union with me and if my words live powerfully within you—then you can ask whatever you desire and it will be done."*

Copilot1

Psalms

- Rationale: Psalms is a collection of prayers and songs that express a wide range of emotions and situations, making it a powerful resource for deep and intimate prayer.
- Key Verse: *Psalms 42:1 - "I long to drink of you, O God, to drink deeply from the streams of pleasure flowing from your presence."*

Ten Things In Copilot's Ranking Of The Top Ten Biblical Texts That Reveal God's Character

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Copilot10

Hebrews 13:8 - Unchanging

- Revelation: God's unchanging nature.
- Verse Reference: Hebrews 13:8 - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."
- Rationale: This verse underscores the consistency and reliability of God's character, assuring believers of His steadfastness.

Copilot9

Revelation 1:8 - Eternal and Almighty

- Revelation: God's eternal and almighty nature.
- Verse Reference: Revelation 1:8 - "I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."
- Rationale: This passage highlights God's eternal existence and supreme power, affirming His omnipotence and timelessness.

Copilot8

1 John 4:8 - Love

- Revelation: God is love.
- Verse Reference: 1 John 4:8 - "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."
- Rationale: This verse succinctly defines God's essence as love, emphasizing that love is central to His character.

Copilot7

Romans 8:38-39 - Unconditional Love

- Revelation: God's inseparable love.
- Verse Reference: Romans 8:38-39 - "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers... will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- Rationale: These verses affirm that nothing can separate believers from God's love, showcasing its unconditional and eternal nature.

Copilot6

John 3:16 - Sacrificial Love

- Revelation: God's sacrificial love through Jesus Christ.
- Verse Reference: John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."
- Rationale: This verse encapsulates the depth of God's love and His willingness to sacrifice His Son for humanity's salvation.

Copilot5

Jeremiah 31:3 - Loving and Everlasting

- Revelation: God's everlasting love.
- Verse Reference: Jeremiah 31:3 - "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness."
- Rationale: These words reveal God's enduring love and commitment to His people, highlighting His unwavering kindness.

Copilot4

Isaiah 6:1-5 - Holy

- Revelation: God's holiness and majesty.
- Verse Reference: Isaiah 6:3 - "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory."
- Rationale: This passage emphasizes God's purity and separateness from sin, showcasing His majestic and awe-inspiring nature.

Copilot3

Psalms 23 - Shepherd

- Revelation: God as the caring and guiding Shepherd.
- Verse Reference: Psalm 23:1 - "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want."
- Rationale: This Psalm portrays God as a provider and protector, guiding His people with care and ensuring their needs are met.

Copilot2

Exodus 34:6-7 - Merciful and Gracious

- Revelation: God's mercy, grace, patience, love, and faithfulness.
- Verse Reference: Exodus 34:6 - "Yahweh, Yahweh, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness."
- Rationale: These verses highlight God's compassionate nature and His willingness to forgive, showing His loving and merciful character.

Copilot1

Genesis 1:1-2:3 - Creator

- Revelation: God as the Creator of the universe.
- Verse Reference: Genesis 1:1 - "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."
- Rationale: This passage introduces God as the omnipotent Creator, establishing His sovereignty and power over all creation.

Ten Things In Copilot's Ranking Of The Top Ten Biblical Texts About Cultivating Community

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Copilot: Here are ten Biblical texts about cultivating community, along with their contributions, verse references, and rationale.

Copilot10

John 15:12-13

- Contribution: Commands believers to love each other as Jesus loved us, even to the point of laying down one's life.
- TPT: *"So this is my command: Love each other deeply, as much as I have loved you. For the greatest love of all is a love that sacrifices all."*
- KJV: *"This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."*

Copilot9

Matthew 18:20

- Contribution: Affirms the presence of Jesus where two or three gather in His name.
- TPT: *"For wherever two or three come together in honor of my name, I am right there with them!"*
- KJV: *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."*

Copilot8

Proverbs 27:17

- Contribution: Uses the metaphor of iron sharpening iron to describe mutual improvement through community.
- TPT: *"It takes a grinding wheel to sharpen a blade, and so one person sharpens the character of another."*
- KJV: *"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."*

Copilot7

James 5:16

- Contribution: Encourages confession and prayer for each other for healing and effective prayer.
- TPT: *"Confess and acknowledge how you have offended one another and then pray for one another to be instantly healed, for tremendous power is released through the passionate, heartfelt prayer of a godly believer!"*
- KJV: *"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."*

Copilot6**Colossians 3:13**

- Contribution: Emphasizes forgiveness and bearing with one another as the Lord forgave us.
- TPT: *"Tolerate the weaknesses of those in the family of faith, forgiving one another in the same way you have been graciously forgiven by Jesus Christ."*
- KJV: *"Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."*

Copilot5**1 Thessalonians 5:14**

- Contribution: Advises believers to support the weak, encourage the disheartened, and be patient with everyone.
- TPT: *"We appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, to instruct those who are not in their place of battle, be skilled at gently encouraging those who feel themselves inadequate, be faithful to stand your ground, help the weak to stand again, be quick to demonstrate patience with everyone."*
- KJV: *"Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men."*

Copilot4**Romans 12:4-5**

- Contribution: Illustrates the concept of the church as one body with many members, each belonging to one another.
- TPT: *"In the same way that one body has many different parts, each with a different function; so it is with the body of Christ."*
- KJV: *"For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."*

Copilot3**Galatians 6:2**

- Contribution: Highlights the importance of bearing each other's burdens as a fulfillment of Christ's law.
- TPT: *"Love empowers us to fulfill the law of the Anointed One as we carry each other's troubles."*
- KJV: *"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."*

Copilot2**Hebrews 10:24-25**

- Contribution: Encourages believers to motivate each other towards love and good deeds, emphasizing the importance of gathering together.
- TPT: *"Discover creative ways to encourage others and to motivate them toward acts of compassion, doing beautiful works as expressions of love."*
- KJV: *"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."*

Copilot1

Acts 2:42-47

- Contribution: Demonstrates the early church's commitment to fellowship, shared resources, and communal worship.
- TPT: *"Every believer was faithfully devoted to following the teachings of the apostles. Their hearts were mutually linked to one another, sharing communion and coming together regularly for prayer."*
- KJV: *"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."*

Ten Things In Copilot's Ranking Of The Top Ten Biblical Texts About Jesus' Mission For The World

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Copilot: Here are ten Biblical texts about Jesus' mission for the world, along with their contributions, verse references, and rationale.

Copilot10

Philippians 2:5-8

- Contribution: Describes Jesus' humility and obedience in His mission to redeem humanity.
- TPT: "And consider the example that Jesus, the Anointed One, has set before us. Let his mindset become your motivation. He existed in the form of God, yet he gave no thought to seizing equality with God as his supreme prize. Instead, he emptied himself of his outward glory by reducing himself to the form of a lowly servant. He became human! He humbled himself and became vulnerable, choosing to be revealed as a man and was obedient. He was a perfect example, even in his death—a criminal's death by crucifixion!"
- Rationale: This passage highlights Jesus' humility and sacrifice, central to His mission of redemption.

Copilot9

Isaiah 61:1-2

- Contribution: Prophetic declaration of Jesus' mission to bring good news, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim freedom.
- TPT: "The mighty Spirit of Lord Yahweh is wrapped around me because Yahweh has anointed me as a messenger to preach good news to the poor. He sent me to heal the wounds of the brokenhearted, to tell captives, 'You are free,' and to tell prisoners, 'Be free from your darkness.' I am sent to announce a new season of Yahweh's grace and a time of God's recompense on his enemies, to comfort all who are in sorrow."
- Rationale: This passage prophetically outlines Jesus' mission, emphasizing healing, freedom, and comfort.

Copilot8

Matthew 24:14

- Contribution: Jesus prophesies the global proclamation of the gospel before the end comes.
- TPT: "Yet through it all, this joyful assurance of the realm of heaven's kingdom will be proclaimed all over the world, providing every nation with a demonstration of the reality of God. And after this, the end of this age will arrive."
- Rationale: This verse highlights the inevitability and importance of spreading the gospel worldwide as part of Jesus' mission.

Copilot7

Luke 19:10

- Contribution: Jesus states His mission to seek and save the lost.
- TPT: "The Son of Man has come to seek out and to give life to those who are lost."
- Rationale: This passage succinctly defines Jesus' mission as one of redemption and salvation for those who are lost.

Copilot6

Acts 1:8

- Contribution: Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to empower His followers to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth.
- TPT: "But I promise you this—the Holy Spirit will come upon you and you will be seized with power. You will be my messengers to Jerusalem, throughout Judea, the distant provinces—even to the remotest places on earth!"
- Rationale: This verse emphasizes the empowerment of believers through the Holy Spirit to spread Jesus' message globally.

Copilot5

John 20:21

- Contribution: Jesus sends His disciples as He was sent by the Father.
- TPT: "Jesus repeated his greeting, 'Peace to you!' And he told them, 'Just as the Father has sent me, I'm now sending you.'"
- Rationale: This passage highlights the continuity of Jesus' mission through His disciples, emphasizing their role in continuing His work.

Copilot4

Mark 16:15

- Contribution: Jesus instructs His followers to preach the gospel to all creation.
- TPT: "And he said to them, 'As you go into all the world, preach openly the wonderful news of the gospel to the entire human race!'"
- Rationale: This verse underscores the universal scope of Jesus' mission, encouraging His followers to share the gospel with everyone.

Copilot3

Luke 4:18-19

- Contribution: Jesus declares His mission to bring good news to the poor, freedom for prisoners, and recovery of sight for the blind.
- TPT: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, and he has anointed me to be hope for the poor, freedom for the brokenhearted, and new eyes for the blind, and to preach to prisoners, 'You are set free!' I have come to share the message of Jubilee, for the time of God's great acceptance has begun."
- Rationale: This passage outlines Jesus' mission to address physical and spiritual needs, emphasizing liberation and healing.

Copilot2

John 3:16

- Contribution: Summarizes Jesus' mission to save the world through His sacrificial love.
- TPT: "For this is how much God loved the world—he gave his one and only, unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in him will never perish but experience everlasting life."
- Rationale: This verse highlights the core of Jesus' mission: offering eternal life through belief in Him, demonstrating God's immense love for humanity.

Copilot1

Matthew 28:18-20

- Contribution: The Great Commission, where Jesus commands His disciples to make disciples of all nations.
- TPT: "Then Jesus came close to them and said, 'All the authority of the universe has been given to me. Now go in my authority and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And teach them to faithfully follow all that I have commanded you. And never forget that I am with you every day, even to the completion of this age.'"
- Rationale: This passage encapsulates Jesus' directive to spread His teachings globally, emphasizing the importance of discipleship and baptism.

Ten Things In Copilot's Ranking Of The Top Ten Biblical Texts About How We Are Meant To Interact With One Another

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Copilot: Here are ten Biblical texts about how we're meant to interact with one another, along with their contributions, verse references, and rationale.

Copilot10

1 Peter 4:8

- Contribution: Highlights the importance of deep love among believers, which covers a multitude of sins.
- TPT: "Above all, constantly echo God's intense love for one another, for love will be a canopy over a multitude of sins."
- Rationale: This passage underscores the power of love in fostering forgiveness and unity within the community.

Copilot9

Proverbs 27:17

- Contribution: Uses the metaphor of iron sharpening iron to describe mutual improvement through community.
- TPT: "It takes a grinding wheel to sharpen a blade, and so one person sharpens the character of another."
- Rationale: This verse emphasizes the role of constructive interactions in personal and communal growth.

Copilot8

James 5:16

- Contribution: Encourages confession and prayer for each other for healing and effective prayer.
- TPT: "Confess and acknowledge how you have offended one another and then pray for one another to be instantly healed, for tremendous power is released through the passionate, heartfelt prayer of a godly believer!"
- Rationale: This passage underscores the importance of honesty, confession, and prayer in fostering spiritual and relational healing.

Copilot7

Colossians 3:13

- Contribution: Emphasizes forgiveness and bearing with one another as the Lord forgave us.
- TPT: "Tolerate the weaknesses of those in the family of faith, forgiving one another in the same way you have been graciously forgiven by Jesus Christ."
- Rationale: This verse highlights the necessity of forgiveness and patience in maintaining harmonious relationships.

Copilot6

Hebrews 10:24-25

- Contribution: Encourages believers to motivate each other towards love and good deeds, emphasizing the importance of gathering together.
- TPT: "Discover creative ways to encourage others and to motivate them toward acts of compassion, doing beautiful works as expressions of love. This is not the time to pull away and neglect meeting together, as some have formed the habit of doing. In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage and urge each other onward as we anticipate that day dawning."
- Rationale: This passage stresses the importance of community and mutual encouragement, especially in challenging times.

Copilot5

1 Thessalonians 5:11

- Contribution: Urges believers to encourage and build each other up.
- TPT: "Because of this, encourage the hearts of your fellow believers and support one another, just as you have already been doing."
- Rationale: This passage highlights the power of encouragement in fostering a supportive and uplifting community.

Copilot4

Romans 12:10

- Contribution: Encourages devotion and honour towards one another.
- TPT: "Be devoted to tenderly loving your fellow believers as members of one family. Try to outdo yourselves in respect and honour of one another."
- Rationale: This verse promotes mutual respect and love, strengthening the bonds within the community.

Copilot3

Ephesians 4:32

- Contribution: Calls for kindness, compassion, and forgiveness among believers.
- TPT: "But instead be kind and affectionate toward one another. Has God graciously forgiven you? Then graciously forgive one another in the depths of Christ's love."
- Rationale: This passage underscores the need for kindness and forgiveness, essential for healthy relationships and community.

Copilot2

Galatians 6:2

- Contribution: Encourages us to bear one another's burdens, fulfilling the law of Christ.
- TPT: "Love empowers us to fulfill the law of the Anointed One as we carry each other's troubles."
- Rationale: This verse highlights the importance of supporting each other through difficult times, reflecting Christ's love.

Copilot1

John 13:34-35

- Contribution: Jesus commands us to love one another as He has loved us, which is the hallmark of being His disciples.
- TPT: "So I give you now a new commandment: Love each other just as much as I have loved you. For when you demonstrate the same love I have for you by loving one another, everyone will know that you're my true followers."
- Rationale: This passage emphasizes the importance of love as the defining characteristic of Jesus' followers, fostering unity and compassion.

Ten Things In Copilot's Ranking Of The Top Ten Biblical Texts About Motivation For Serving

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Copilot: Here are ten Biblical texts about motivation for serving, along with their contributions, verse references, and rationale.

Copilot10

Ephesians 6:7

- Contribution: Encourages serving wholeheartedly, as if serving the Lord.
- TPT: "Serve them with a loving spirit, as if you were serving the Lord himself and not just them."
- Rationale: This passage reminds us to serve others with a sincere heart, as if serving the Lord directly.

Copilot9

Galatians 6:9-10

- Contribution: Encourages perseverance in doing good and serving others, especially fellow believers.
- TPT: "And don't allow yourselves to be weary or disheartened in planting good seeds, for the season of reaping the wonderful harvest you've planted is coming! Take advantage of every opportunity to be a blessing to others, especially to our brothers and sisters in the family of faith!"
- Rationale: This verse motivates us to persist in serving others, promising a future reward.

Copilot8

John 13:14-15

- Contribution: Jesus washes His disciples' feet, setting an example of humble service.
- TPT: "So if I, your Teacher and Lord, have just washed your dirty feet, then you should follow the example that I've set for you and wash one another's dirty feet. Now do for each other what I have just done for you."
- Rationale: This passage exemplifies humble service, encouraging us to serve others in humility.

Copilot7

Colossians 3:23-24

- Contribution: Urges believers to work heartily as for the Lord, knowing they will receive an inheritance from Him.
- TPT: "Put your heart and soul into every activity you do, as though you are doing it for the Lord himself and not merely for others. For we know that we will receive a reward, an inheritance from the Lord, as we serve the Lord Yahweh, the Anointed One!"
- Rationale: This verse encourages wholehearted service, reminding us that our ultimate reward comes from the Lord.

Copilot6

Romans 12:11

- Contribution: Encourages zeal and fervour in serving the Lord.
- TPT: "Be enthusiastic to serve the Lord, keeping your passion toward him boiling hot! Radiate with the glow of the Holy Spirit and let him fill you with excitement as you serve him."
- Rationale: This passage motivates us to serve with enthusiasm and passion, fuelled by the Holy Spirit.

Copilot5

Mark 10:45

- Contribution: Reinforces Jesus' example of serving rather than being served.
- TPT: "For even the Son of Man did not come expecting to be served but to serve and give his life in exchange for the salvation of many."
- Rationale: This verse reiterates Jesus' mission of service, inspiring us to follow His example.

Copilot4

1 Peter 4:10

- Contribution: Encourages believers to use their gifts to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace.
- TPT: "Every believer has received grace gifts, so use them to serve one another as faithful stewards of the many-coloured tapestry of God's grace."
- Rationale: This passage highlights the importance of using our God-given gifts to serve others, reflecting God's grace.

Copilot3

Philippians 2:3-4

- Contribution: Urges humility and valuing others above ourselves, looking to their interests.
- TPT: "Be free from pride-filled opinions, for they will only harm your cherished unity. Don't allow self-promotion to hide in your hearts, but in authentic humility put others first and view others as more important than yourselves. Abandon every display of selfishness. Possess a greater concern for what matters to others instead of your own interests."
- Rationale: This verse promotes humility and selflessness, key motivations for serving others.

Copilot2

Galatians 5:13

- Contribution: Encourages believers to use their freedom to serve one another in love.
- TPT: "Beloved ones, God has called us to live a life of freedom in the Holy Spirit. But don't view this wonderful freedom as an opportunity to set up a base of operations in the natural realm. Freedom means that we become so completely free of self-indulgence that we become servants of one another, expressing love in all we do."
- Rationale: This passage emphasizes serving others as an expression of love, using our freedom responsibly.

Copilot1

Matthew 20:28

- Contribution: Jesus sets the ultimate example of serving by giving His life as a ransom for many.
- TPT: "For even the Son of Man did not come expecting to be served but to serve and give his life in exchange for the salvation of many."
- Rationale: This verse highlights Jesus' selfless service, motivating us to serve others sacrificially.

Ten Things In Copilot's Ranking Of The Top Ten Biblical Texts About The Primacy Of Love

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Copilot10

John 15:12-13

- Contribution: Commands believers to love each other as Jesus loved us, even to the point of laying down one's life.
- TPT: *"So this is my command: Love each other deeply, as much as I have loved you. For the greatest love of all is a love that sacrifices all."*
- Rationale: This passage highlights the depth and sacrificial nature of love, as exemplified by Jesus.

Copilot9

1 John 3:16

- Contribution: Defines love through Jesus' sacrificial example, urging believers to lay down their lives for others.
- TPT: *"This is how we have discovered love's reality: Jesus sacrificed his life for us. Because of this great love, we should be willing to lay down our lives for one another."*
- Rationale: This verse underscores the sacrificial nature of true love, inspired by Jesus' example.

Copilot8

Ephesians 4:2

- Contribution: Encourages humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love.
- TPT: *"With tender humility and quiet patience, always demonstrate gentleness and generous love toward one another, especially toward those who may try your patience."*
- Rationale: This passage highlights the importance of love in fostering patience and gentleness in our interactions.

Copilot7

Galatians 5:14

- Contribution: Summarizes the law in one command: love your neighbour as yourself.
- TPT: *"For love completes the laws of God. All of the law can be summarized in one grand statement: 'Demonstrate love to your neighbour, even as you care for and love yourself.'"*
- Rationale: This verse emphasizes the simplicity and comprehensiveness of love in fulfilling God's law.

Copilot6**Colossians 3:14**

- Contribution: Emphasizes love as the binding force of perfect unity.
- TPT: *"For love is supreme and must flow through each of these virtues. Love becomes the mark of true maturity."*
- Rationale: This passage highlights love as the supreme virtue that binds all others together, promoting unity and maturity.

Copilot5**1 Peter 4:8**

- Contribution: Highlights the importance of deep love among believers, which covers a multitude of sins.
- TPT: *"Above all, constantly echo God's intense love for one another, for love will be a canopy over a multitude of sins."*
- Rationale: This verse underscores the power of love in fostering forgiveness and unity within the community.

Copilot4**Romans 13:8**

- Contribution: Encourages believers to owe nothing except love, fulfilling the law through loving others.
- TPT: *"Don't owe anything to anyone, except your outstanding debt to continually love one another, for the one who learns to love has fulfilled every requirement of the law."*
- Rationale: This passage highlights love as the ultimate fulfilment of God's law, emphasizing its primacy in our interactions.

Copilot3**1 John 4:7-8**

- Contribution: Highlights that love comes from God and that knowing God means loving others.
- TPT: *"Those who are loved by God, let his love continually pour from you to one another, because God is love. Everyone who loves is fathered by God and experiences an intimate knowledge of him. The one who doesn't love has yet to know God, for God is love."*
- Rationale: This verse underscores the divine origin of love and its essential role in knowing God.

Copilot2**John 13:34-35**

- Contribution: Jesus commands us to love one another as He has loved us, which is the hallmark of being His disciples.
- TPT: *"So I give you now a new commandment: Love each other just as much as I have loved you. For when you demonstrate the same love I have for you by loving one another, everyone will know that you're my true followers."*
- Rationale: This passage emphasizes the importance of love as the defining characteristic of Jesus' followers, fostering unity and compassion.

Copilot1

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

- Contribution: Defines the characteristics of love, emphasizing its enduring and selfless nature.
- TPT: *"Love is large and incredibly patient. Love is gentle and consistently kind to all. It refuses to be jealous when blessing comes to someone else. Love does not brag about one's achievements nor inflate its own importance. Love does not traffic in shame and disrespect, nor selfishly seek its own honour. Love is not easily irritated or quick to take offence. Love joyfully celebrates honesty and finds no delight in what is wrong. Love is a safe place of shelter, for it never stops believing the best for others. Love never takes failure as defeat, for it never gives up."*
- Rationale: This passage provides a comprehensive description of love's qualities, highlighting its importance in all relationships.

Ten Things In Copilot's Ranking Of The Top Ten Biblical Texts On Holy Spirit

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Copilot10

Titus 3:5

- Contribution: Describes the Holy Spirit's role in regeneration and renewal.
- *TPT: "He saved us, resurrecting us through the washing of rebirth. We are made completely new by the Holy Spirit, whom He splashed over us richly by Jesus the Messiah, our Life-Giver."*
- Rationale: This passage highlights the transformative work of the Holy Spirit in renewing and regenerating believers.

Copilot9

2 Corinthians 3:17

- Contribution: Describes the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of freedom.
- *TPT: "Now, the Lord I'm referring to is the Holy Spirit, and wherever He is Lord, there is freedom."*
- Rationale: This verse emphasizes the liberating presence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers.

Copilot8

Ephesians 1:13-14

- Contribution: Describes the Holy Spirit as the seal and guarantee of our inheritance in Christ.
- *TPT: "And because of Him, when you who are not Jews heard the revelation of truth, you believed in the wonderful news of salvation. Now we have been stamped with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. He is given to us like an engagement ring is given to a bride, as the first instalment of what's coming! He is our hope-promise of a future inheritance which seals us until we have all of redemption's promises and experience complete freedom—all for the supreme glory and honour of God!"*
- Rationale: This passage highlights the Holy Spirit's role in assuring believers of their salvation and future inheritance.

Copilot7

John 16:13

- Contribution: Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Truth who guides believers into all truth.
- *TPT: "But when the truth-giving Spirit comes, He will unveil the reality of every truth within you. He won't speak on His own, but only what He hears from the Father, and He will reveal prophetically to you what is to come."*
- Rationale: This verse underscores the Holy Spirit's role in revealing truth and guiding believers in their spiritual journey.

Copilot6**1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

- Contribution: Describes the variety of spiritual gifts given by the Holy Spirit for the common good.
- TPT: *"It is the same Holy Spirit who continues to distribute many different varieties of gifts. The Lord Yahweh is one, and He is the one who apportions to believers different varieties of ministries. The same God distributes different kinds of miracles that accomplish different results through each believer's gift and ministry as He energizes and activates them. Each believer is given continuous revelation by the Holy Spirit to benefit not just himself but all."*
- Rationale: This passage highlights the diverse gifts the Holy Spirit bestows on believers, promoting unity and service within the church.

Copilot5**Acts 1:8**

- Contribution: Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to empower His followers to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth.
- TPT: *"But I promise you this—the Holy Spirit will come upon you and you will be seized with power. You will be my messengers to Jerusalem, throughout Judea, the distant provinces—even to the remotest places on earth!"*
- Rationale: This passage highlights the positive attributes the Holy Spirit develops in believers, reflecting God's character.
- Rationale: This verse emphasizes the empowerment of believers through the Holy Spirit to spread Jesus' message globally.

Copilot4**Galatians 5:22-23**

- Contribution: Lists the fruit of the Spirit, showcasing the transformative qualities the Holy Spirit cultivates in believers.
- TPT: *"But the fruit produced by the Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its varied expressions: joy that overflows, peace that subdues, patience that endures, kindness in action, a life full of virtue, faith that prevails, gentleness of heart, and strength of spirit. Never set the law above these qualities, for they are meant to be limitless."*
- Rationale: This passage highlights the positive attributes the Holy Spirit develops in believers, reflecting God's character.

Copilot3**Romans 8:26**

- Contribution: Describes the Holy Spirit's intercession for believers with groanings too deep for words.
- TPT: *"And in a similar way, the Holy Spirit takes hold of us in our human frailty to empower us in our weakness. For example, at times we don't even know how to pray or know the best things to ask for. But the Holy Spirit rises up within us to super-intercede on our behalf, pleading to God with emotional sighs too deep for words."*
- Rationale: This passage emphasizes the Holy Spirit's support in prayer, interceding for us in our weaknesses.

Copilot2

John 14:26

- Contribution: Jesus promises the Holy Spirit as the Comforter and Teacher who will remind believers of His teachings.
- TPT: *"But when the Father sends the Spirit of Holiness, the One like me who sets you free, He will teach you all things in my name. And He will inspire you to remember every word that I've told you."*
- Rationale: This verse highlights the Holy Spirit's role in guiding and teaching believers, ensuring they remember Jesus' words.

Copilot1

Acts 2:4

- Contribution: Describes the initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, empowering the disciples.
- TPT: *"They were all filled and equipped with the Holy Spirit and were inspired to speak in tongues—empowered by the Spirit to speak in languages they had never learned!"*
- Rationale: This passage marks the beginning of the church's mission, demonstrating the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.

Ten Things In Copilot's Ranking Of The Top Ten Biblical Texts On Covenant

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Copilot10

Deuteronomy 7:9

- Contribution: Emphasizes God's faithfulness to His covenant with those who love Him and keep His commandments.
- TPT: *"Know therefore that Yahweh your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments."*
- Rationale: This passage highlights the enduring nature of God's covenant and His faithfulness to those who are obedient.

Copilot9

Psalm 89:34

- Contribution: Affirms God's faithfulness to His covenant, promising never to break it.
- TPT: *"No, I will not break my covenant of love, nor will I alter what I have spoken."*
- Rationale: This verse underscores God's unwavering commitment to His covenant, assuring His faithfulness.

Copilot8

Ezekiel 36:26-27

- Contribution: Promises a new heart and spirit as part of God's covenant, enabling obedience to His laws.
- TPT: *"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you. I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will place my Spirit within you and cause you to follow my statutes and carefully observe my regulations."*
- Rationale: This passage highlights the transformative aspect of God's covenant, promising internal change and empowerment by the Holy Spirit.

Copilot7

Luke 22:20

- Contribution: Jesus institutes the new covenant through His blood during the Last Supper.
- TPT: *"After supper was over, he lifted the cup again and said, 'This cup is my blood of the new covenant I make with you, and it will be poured out soon for all of you.'"*
- Rationale: This verse marks the establishment of the new covenant through Jesus' sacrificial death, central to Christian faith.

Copilot6**Isaiah 55:3**

- Contribution: Invites people to enter into an everlasting covenant with God, promising steadfast love.
- TPT: *"Pay attention and come closer to me, and hear that your total being may flourish. I will enter into an everlasting covenant with you, and I will show you the same faithful love that I showed David."*
- Rationale: This passage emphasizes the enduring nature of God's covenant and His steadfast love.

Copilot5**Hebrews 9:15**

- Contribution: Describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant, providing eternal inheritance through His death.
- TPT: *"So Jesus is the One who has enacted a new covenant with a new relationship with God so that those who accept the invitation will receive the eternal inheritance he has promised to his heirs. For he died to release us from the guilt of the violations committed under the first covenant."*
- Rationale: This verse underscores the redemptive work of Jesus in establishing the new covenant, offering eternal inheritance to believers.

Copilot4**Exodus 19:5-6**

- Contribution: God establishes His covenant with Israel, calling them to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.
- TPT: *"Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me. And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation. This is the message you must give to the people of Israel."*
- Rationale: This passage highlights the conditional nature of God's covenant with Israel, emphasizing their role as His chosen people.

Copilot3**Genesis 17:1-7**

- Contribution: Establishes God's covenant with Abraham, promising to make him the father of many nations.
- TPT: *"When Abram was ninety-nine years old, Yahweh appeared to him again and said, 'I am the God who is more than enough. Live your life in my presence and be blameless. I will confirm my covenant between me and you and I will greatly multiply your descendants.' Abram fell facedown in awe before the Lord, and God said to him, 'I will establish my covenant between me and you, and I will multiply you exceedingly. You will become the father of many nations. No longer will you be named Abram, but your new name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.'"*
- Rationale: This passage marks the beginning of God's covenant with Abraham, foundational to the biblical narrative of God's promises to His people.

Copilot2**Hebrews 8:6-13**

- Contribution: Describes Jesus as the mediator of a better covenant, established on better promises.
- TPT: *"But now Jesus the Messiah has accepted a priestly ministry which far surpasses theirs, since he is the catalyst of a better covenant which contains far more wonderful promises! For if that first covenant had been faultless, no one would have needed a second one to replace it. But God revealed the defect and limitation of the first when he said to his people, 'Look! The day will come,' declares the Lord, 'when I will satisfy the people of Israel and Judah by giving them a new covenant. It will be an entirely different covenant than the one I made with their fathers when I led them by my hand out of Egypt. For they did not remain faithful to my covenant, so I rejected them,' says the Lord God. 'For here is the covenant I will one day establish with the people of Israel: I will embed my laws within their thoughts and fasten them onto their hearts. I will be their loyal God and they will be my loyal people. And the result will be that everyone will know me as Lord! There will be no need at all to teach their fellow-citizens or brothers by saying, "You should know Yahweh," since everyone will know me inwardly, from the most unlikely to the most distinguished. For I will demonstrate mercy to them and will forgive their evil deeds, and never remember again their sins.' This proves that by establishing this new covenant, the first is now obsolete, ready to expire, and about to disappear."*
- Rationale: This passage emphasizes the superiority of the new covenant mediated by Jesus, highlighting its better promises and internalization of God's laws.

Copilot1**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

- Contribution: Prophecies the new covenant where God will write His law on the hearts of His people.
- TPT: *"The day is coming," says the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. It will not be like the old covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and brought them out of Egypt. They broke that covenant, though I loved them as a husband loves his wife," says the Lord. "But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day," says the Lord. "I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. And they will not need to teach their neighbours, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, 'You should know the Lord.' For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already," says the Lord. "And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins."*
- Rationale: This passage highlights the transformative nature of the new covenant, emphasizing internal change and personal relationship with God.

Ten Things In Copilot's Ranking Of The Top Ten Biblical Texts On Entire Sanctification

In JAC157, we're trying out another AI programme, Copilot, for its take on our rankings topics.

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Are the roots of bitterness gone? This is what Brengle used to ask soldiers - That is, are you living the victorious life, above sin, or are you always struggling to dominate the active sinful nature (natural inclination to act selfishly) in your life? Why not root out 'the' sin that so easily entangles, the old man, the sinful nature, the natural inclination to sin? Why not neutralise it, render it inactive, crucify it, smash it up? The sanctified soul has no enemies within (but fierce conflict without, says the 1940 Handbook of Doctrine).

Copilot: Here are ten Biblical texts on entire sanctification, along with their contributions, verse references, and rationale.

Copilot10

1 John 3:2-3

- Contribution: Encourages believers to purify themselves in anticipation of Christ's return.
- TPT: *"Beloved, we are God's children right now; however, it is not yet apparent what we will become. But we do know that when it is finally made visible, we will be just like him, for we will see him as he truly is. And all who focus their hope on him will always be purifying themselves, just as Jesus is pure."*
- Rationale: This verse highlights the motivation for sanctification, rooted in the hope of becoming like Christ.

Copilot9

Ephesians 5:25-27

- Contribution: Describes Christ's sanctifying work for the church, making it holy and blameless.
- TPT: *"And to the husbands, you are to demonstrate love for your wives with the same tender devotion that Christ demonstrated to us, his bride. For he died for us, sacrificing himself to make us holy and pure, cleansing us through the showering of the pure water of the Word of God. All that he does in us is designed to make us a mature church for his pleasure, until we become a source of praise to him—glorious and radiant, beautiful and holy, without fault or flaw."*
- Rationale: This passage emphasizes Christ's role in sanctifying the church, presenting it as holy and blameless.

The Holy Ghost Is With Me. (William Booth)

Booth wrote this in his late years. We figure that it is a truth injection and a confidence builder for everyone for whom it is true. May it strengthen your resolve in your warfighting each day as you recall it.

Is Holy Spirit with you? This is absolutely essential for any meaningful eternal impact on the world from your actions. Why waste your efforts? Why exert energy where Holy Spirit is not evidently working?

Copilot8

Hebrews 12:14

- Contribution: Encourages believers to pursue peace and holiness, essential for seeing the Lord.
- TPT: *"In every relationship be swift to choose peace over competition, and run swiftly toward holiness, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord."*
- Rationale: This verse highlights the importance of holiness in our relationships and in our pursuit of God.

"Remember the poor." Paul was commanded it. And it's the one thing he wanted to do. How? That's a book or three. But let's live with, identify with, become, and think of when we're spending. Simplify. Hang out with them; Jesus does.

Copilot7

Romans 12:1-2

- Contribution: Urges believers to offer themselves as living sacrifices, transformed by the renewal of their minds.
- TPT: *"Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvellous mercies? I encourage you to surrender yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship. Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes."*
- Rationale: This passage emphasizes the transformative power of offering oneself to God and renewing one's mind.

Copilot6

1 Peter 1:15-16

- Contribution: Calls believers to be holy in all their conduct, reflecting God's holiness.
- TPT: *"Instead, shape your lives to become like the Holy One who called you. For Scripture says: 'You are to be holy, because I am holy.'"*
- Rationale: This verse underscores the call to holiness, mirroring the character of God.

Copilot5**Philippians 1:6**

- Contribution: Assures believers that God will complete the good work He began in them.
- TPT: *"I pray with great faith for you, because I'm fully convinced that the One who began this glorious work in you will faithfully continue the process of maturing you and will put his finishing touches to it until the unveiling of our Lord Jesus Christ!"*
- Rationale: This passage emphasizes God's faithfulness in completing the sanctification process in believers.

Copilot4**2 Corinthians 7:1**

- Contribution: Encourages believers to purify themselves, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.
- TPT: *"Beloved ones, with promises like these, and because of our deepest respect and worship of God, we must remove everything from our lives that contaminates body and spirit, and continue to complete the development of holiness within us."*
- Rationale: This verse highlights the active role of believers in pursuing holiness, motivated by reverence for God.

Copilot3**Romans 6:22**

- Contribution: Highlights the transformation from slavery to sin to sanctification and eternal life.
- TPT: *"But now, as God's loving servants, you live in joyous freedom from the power of sin. So consider the benefits you now enjoy—you are brought deeper into the experience of true holiness that ends with eternal life!"*
- Rationale: This passage emphasizes the journey from sin to holiness, culminating in eternal life.

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Copilot2**Hebrews 10:14**

- Contribution: Describes the perfection of believers through Christ's sacrifice, emphasizing ongoing sanctification.
- TPT: *"And by his one perfect sacrifice he made us perfectly holy and complete for all time!"*
- Rationale: This verse underscores the effectiveness of Jesus' sacrifice in achieving complete sanctification for believers.

Copilot1

1 Thessalonians 5:23

- Contribution: Emphasizes God's role in sanctifying believers completely, spirit, soul, and body.
- TPT: *"Now, may the God of peace and harmony set you apart, making you completely holy. And may your entire being—spirit, soul, and body—be kept completely flawless in the appearing of our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One."*
- Rationale: This passage highlights the comprehensive nature of sanctification, encompassing every aspect of our being.