**Step Down to Step up**

Stepping down from the things of this world and step up to the things of God!

Understand how different the world is from the church.

**Speed Round**

Mark 9:35 **35**And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.”

John 13:14-17 **14**If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. **15**For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. **16**Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. **17**If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

James 4:6 God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble

Luke 14:11 For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Romans 12:3 NKJV Don’t think of yourself more highly than you ought to.

2 Chronicles 7:14 NKJV **14**if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

* A couple verses down 19-22 He tells Solomon what would happen if they didn’t. ---**19**“But if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods, and worship them, **20**then I will uproot them from My land which I have given them; and this house which I have [[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+chronicles+7&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-11345g)]sanctified for My name I will cast out of My sight, and will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples. **21**“And *as for* this [[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+chronicles+7&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-11346h)]house, which [[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+chronicles+7&version=NKJV" \l "fen-NKJV-11346i" \o "See footnote i)]is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and say, ‘Why has the Lord done thus to this land and this house?’ **22**Then they will answer, ‘Because they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore He has brought all this calamity on them.’

Joshua 24:14-15 NKJV **14**“Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Joshua+24&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-6491d)]the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! **15**And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Joshua+24&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-6492e)]the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

This is the year of proclaiming truth!!!

Ephesians 4:25-32 NKJV **25**Therefore, putting away lying, “*Let* each one *of you* speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another. **26**“Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, **27**nor give [[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+4&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29300g)]place to the devil. **28**Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. **29**Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary [[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+4&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29302h)]edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. **30**And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. **31**Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, [[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+4&version=NKJV" \l "fen-NKJV-29304i" \o "See footnote i)]clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. **32**And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

**S**earch your heart (Psalm 139:23)

**T**ake captive thoughts not of God (2 Cor. 10:15)

**E**xplore His Word on every subject (Psalm 119:105)

**P**ractice listening and obeying / Praying over complaining (Acts 5:29)

**S**erve the Lord by serving one another (1 Peter 4:10)