3rd/4th Bible Verses for 2012-2013

L1: Jesus in the Beginning: ***John 1:1-3***

*1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was with God in the beginning. 3Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*

**Forgiveness** *(Opposite: Rejection)*

Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and allowing God to love them through me.

L2: Jesus’ Birth and Childhood: ***John 1:5-7***

*5The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. 6There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. 7He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe.*

**Wisdom** *(Opposite: Natural Inclinations)*

Seeing and responding to life's situations from God’s frame of reference.

 **Extra Verse:** Luke 2:52

L3: Jesus Prepares for Ministry: ***John 1:10-12***

*10He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God*

**Virtue** *(Opposite: Impurity)*

The moral excellence and purity of spirit that radiate from my life as I obey God’s Word.

 **Extra Verse:** John 1:9

L4: Jesus Selects Workers: ***Matthew 10:7-8***

*7As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' 8Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.*

**Obedience** *(Opposite: Willfulness)*

Freedom to be creative under the protection of divinely-appointed authority.

 **Extra Verse:** Mark 1:17

L5: Jesus Transforms Workers: ***Romans 5:8-9***

*8But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  9Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!*

**Self-Control** *(Opposite: Self-indulgence)*

Instant obedience to the initial promptings of God’s Spirit.

 **Extra Verse:** Mark 2:17

L6: Jesus Equips Workers: ***Matthew 10:9-10***

*9Do not take along any gold or silver or copper in your belts; 10take no bag for the journey, or extra tunic, or sandals or a staff; for the worker is worth his keep.*

**Faith** *(Opposite: Presumption)*

Visualizing what God intends to do in a given situation and acting in harmony with it.

 **Extra Verse:** Matthew 10:11-12

L7: Jesus Teaches Us about Ourselves: ***Matthew 3:16-17***

*16As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. 17And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."*

**Meekness** *(Opposite: Anger)*

Yielding my personal rights and expectations to God.

 **Extra Verse:** Matthew 5:16

L8: Jesus Teaches Us about Building Our Lives: ***John 3:19-21***

*19This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.*

**Humility** *(Opposite: Pride)*

Recognizing that it is actually God and others who are responsible for the achievements in my life.

 **Extra Verse:** Matthew 7:24

L9: Jesus Teaches Us about Himself: ***Matthew 10:11-13***

*11"Whatever town or village you enter, search for some worthy person there and stay at his house until you leave. 12As you enter the home, give it your greeting. 13If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you.*

**Joyfulness** *(Opposite: Self-pity)*

The spontaneous enthusiasm of my spirit when my soul is in fellowship with the Lord.

 **Extra Verse:** John 14:6

L10: Jesus Teaches Us How to Pray: ***Matthew 6:9-15***

*9"This, then, is how you should pray: " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.11Give us today our daily bread. 12Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. 14For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

**Gratefulness** *(Opposite: Unthankfulness)*

Making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life.

L11: Jesus Teaches Us How to Love: ***Matthew 5: 43-45***

*43"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.*

**Love** *(Opposite: Selfishness)*

Giving to others’ basic needs without having as my motive personal reward.

 **Extra Verse:** Matthew 6:6

L12: Jesus Teaches Us How to Live Forever: ***1 John 4:8-10***

*8Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Soninto the world that we might live through him. 10This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice forour sins.*

**Truthfulness**  *(Opposite: Deception)*

Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts.

 **Extra Verses:** I John 4:11-12

L13: Jesus Teaches Us about Sharing: ***Luke 8:15-16***

*15But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop. 16"No one lights a lamp and hides it in a jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, he puts it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light.*

**Generosity** *(Opposite: Stinginess)*

Realizing that all I have belongs to God and using it for His purposes.

 **Extra Verses:** Psalm 126:5-6

L14: Jesus Teaches about Seeking the Lost: ***Luke 15:8-10***

*8"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coinsand loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' 10In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

**Responsibility** *(Opposite: Unreliability)*

Knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting from me.

 **Extra Verse:** Ephesians 2:13

L15: Jesus Teaches Us to Forgive: ***Ephesians 4:32, 5:2***

*32Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

*2and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

**Reverence** *(Opposite: Disrespect)*

Awareness of how God is working through the people and events in my life to produce the character of Christ in me.

 **Extra Verses:** Matthew 18:21-22

L16: Jesus Teaches about Working: ***Col. 3:1-3***

*1Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.*

**Diligence** *(Opposite: Slothfulness)*

Visualizing each task as a special assignment from the Lord and using all my energies to accomplish it.

 **Extra Verse:** Matthew 25:29

L17: Jesus Teaches about Caring: ***Luke 10:27, 36-37***

*27He answered: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself." 36"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" 37The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."
      Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."*

**Compassion** *(Opposite: Indifference)*

Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others.

 **Extra Verse:** Galatians 6:2

L18: Jesus Overcomes Nature: ***Psalm 121:1-3***

*1 I lift up my eyes to the hills where does my help come from? 2 My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. 3 He will not let your foot slip he who watches over you will not slumber;*

**Boldness** *(Opposite: Fearfulness)*

Confidence that what I have to say or do is true and right and just in the sight of God.

 **Extra Verse:** John 3:2

L19: Jesus Overcomes the Enemy: ***Eph. 6:11-12***

*11Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

**Determination** *(Opposite: Faintheartedness)*

Purposing to accomplish God’s goals in God’s time, regardless of the opposition.

 **Extra Verse:** Ephesians 6:10

L20: Jesus Overcomes Hunger: ***Psalms 121:4-6***

*4 indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The LORD watches over you the LORD is your shade at your right hand; 6 the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.*

**Endurance** *(Opposite: Giving Up)*

The inward strength to withstand stress to accomplish God’s best.

 **Extra Verse:** Psalm 34:8

L21: Jesus Controls Creation: ***Psalm 121:7-8***

*7 The LORD will keep you from all harm he will watch over your life; 8 the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.*

**Alertness** *(Opposite: Unawareness)*

 Being aware of that which is taking place around me so I can have the right response to them.

 **Extra Verse:** Hebrews 12:2

L22: Jesus Overcomes Blindness: ***John 9:39-41***

*39Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." 40Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" 41Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.*

**Sensitivity** *(Opposite: Callousness)*

Exercising my senses so I can perceive the true spirit and emotions of those around me.

 **Extra Verse:** II Corinthians 4:6

L23: Jesus Conquers Death: ***John 11:25-26***

*25Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"*

**Security** *(Opposite: Anxiety)*

Structuring my life around what is eternal and cannot be destroyed or taken away.

L24: Jesus Displays God’s Plan: ***Matthew 5:17-18***

*17"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.*

**Decisiveness** *(Opposite: Double-mindedness)*

The ability to finalize difficult decisions based on the will and ways of God.

 **Extra Verse:** Matthew 5:19

L25: Jesus Died: ***Isaiah 53:5-6***

*5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

**Dependability** *(Opposite: Inconsistency)*

Fulfilling what I consented to do even if it means unexpected sacrifice.

 **Extra Verse:** Isaiah 53:7

L26: Jesus Lives: ***Philippians 2:6-8***

6Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death even death on a cross!

**Enthusiasm** *(Opposite: Apathy)*

Expressing with my soul the joy of my spirit.

 **Extra Verse:** Philippians 2:3

L27: Jesus Ascended: ***Philippians 2:9-11***

 *9Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**Discernment** *(Opposite: Judgment)*

The God-given ability to understand why things happen.

 **Extra Verse:** Philippians 2:4

L28: The Holy Spirit Empowers Believers: ***Acts 1:3-5***

*3After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5For John baptized withwater, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."*

**initiative** *(Opposite: Unresponsiveness)*

Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it.

 **Extra Verse:** Zechariah 4:6

L29: God Uses Persecution: ***1 Peter 3:15-16***

*15But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.*

**Contentment** *(Opposite: Covetousness)*

Realizing God has provided everything I need for my present happiness.

 **Extra Verse:** I Peter 3:14

L30: The Persecutor Becomes a Follower: ***Romans 12:1-2***

*1Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. 2Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

**Loyalty** *(Opposite: Unfaithfulness)*

Using difficult times to demonstrate my commitment to God and to those whom He has called me to serve.

 **Extra Verse:** Romans 12:3

L31: Paul Builds a Master Builder: ***I Corinthians 3:10-11***

*10By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. 11For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

**Sincerity** *(Opposite: Hypocrisy)*

Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives.

 **Extra Verse:** I Corinthians 3:7

L32: Paul Lays Foundations: ***I Corinthians 3:12-14***

*12If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. 14If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward*

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**Availability** *(Opposite: Self-centeredness)*

Making my own schedule and priorities secondary to the wishes of those I am serving.

 **Extra Verse:** I Corinthians 3:8

L33: Paul Reinforces the Work: ***II Corinthians 4:7-9***

*7But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.*

**Deference** *(Opposite: Rudeness)*

Limiting my freedom in order not to offend the tastes of those God has called me to serve.

 **Extra Verse:** I Thessalonians 5:11

L34: Paul Finishes the Project: ***II Timothy 4:7-8***

*7I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.*

**Thoroughness** *(Opposite: Incompleteness)*

Knowing what factors will diminish the effectiveness of my work or words if neglected.

 **Extra Verse:** II Timothy 2:15

L35: The Building Continues: ***Matthew 9:37-38***

*37Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

**Flexibility** *(Opposite: Resistance)*

Not setting my affections on ideas or plans which could be changed by God or others.

 **Extra Verse:** Matthew 9:36

L36: Reviewing Our Work: ***I Peter 2:4-5***

*4As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him 5you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

**Discretion** (Opposite:*Simplemindednes)*

The ability to avoid words, actions, and attitudes which could result in undesirable consequences.

 **Extra Verse:** I Peter 2:6