

# A Cord of Three Strands

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

## BODY

**B –**

**Blessing**

Genesis 1:28

“God blessed them and said to them, be fruitful and multiply...”

**Beauty**

Proverbs 5:18-19

“May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. A loving doe, a graceful deer—may her breasts satisfy you always and may you be captivated by her love.”

**Belonging**

I Corinthians 7:4-5

“The husband should fulfil his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife’s body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband’s body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again...”

**O -**

**One**

Genesis 2:24

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and they will become one flesh.”

**Offering**

Ephesians 5:1-2

“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children, and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us. And gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

**Onward**

Philippians 3:13 – 14

“But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

**D -**

**Desires**

Psalm 37:4

“Delight your self in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.”

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## **Devotion**

Romans 12:9-10

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.”

## **Daily**

Hebrews 3:13

“But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness”

## **Y -**

### **Yielding**

Ecclesiastes 10:4

“If a ruler’s anger rises against you, do not leave your post; calmness can lay great errors to rest.”

### **Youthful**

Psalms 103:3-5

“...Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.”

### **Yoked**

II Corinthians 6:14

“Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?”

## **Spirit**

## **S -**

### **Salvation**

Romans 10:13

“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

### **Study**

II Timothy 2:15

“Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.”

### **Sabbath**

Exodus 20:8

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.”

## **P -**

### **Prayer**

Philippians 4:6-7

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

### **Peacemakers**

“Peacemakers, who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.”

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**James 3:18**

**Praise**

**Hebrews 13:15**

“Through Jesus, therefore let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess his name.”

**I -**

**Integrity**

**Proverbs 10:9-11:3**

“The man of integrity walks securely... The integrity of the upright guides them...”

**Increasing**

**II Peter 1:5-8**

“For this reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness; knowledge; and to knowledge; self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness and to godliness; brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ”

**Instruction**

**Proverbs 16:20**

“Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers”

**R -**

**Reverence**

**Leviticus 19:30**

**Ephesians 5:21**

“Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary I am the Lord.”

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

**Respect**

**I Peter 2:17**

**Ephesians 5:33**

“Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the King.”

“However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”

**Real**

**Galatians 6:7**

“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.”

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## Interest

Philippians 2:4

“Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also to the interests of others.”

## Invest

Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## Instruments

Romans 6:13

“Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God. As those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.”

## T -

### Trust

I Corinthians 4:2

“Now it is required that who have been given a trust must prove faithful.”

### Truthful

Proverbs 12:22

“The Lord detest lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful”

### Thankful

Hebrews 12:28

“Let us be thankful, and so worship God”

## SOUL

## S -

### Submit

Ephesians 5:21

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

### Self-Control

Galatians 5:22-23

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control”

### Sun

Ephesians 4:26

“In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry.”

## O -

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## Oral

### Communication

Proverbs 12:25

“An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up.”

## Observe

Proverbs 23:26

“My son give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.”

## Overcome

Revelation 3:21

“To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.”

## U -

### Unity

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work; If one falls down, his friend can help him up”

### Understanding

Proverbs 11:12

“...a man of understanding holds his tongue.”

### Uniqueness

Psalms 139:14

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that fullwell.”

## L -

### Love

I Corinthians 13:4-8

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres, Love never fails.”

### Listen

James 1:19

“...Everyone would be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry...”

### Laugh

Ecclesiastes 3:4

“A cheerful heart is good medicine.”