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Job loved God, and that love of God showed as he allowed God to work through him to bless those around him. He was active in his community and government to achieve what the LORD would have him do. Below is a selected list from the Book of Job in the Bible that give us a guideline of some of the things our God would have us do and say by His power.

Walk through darkness by God's light (29:3).

When an ear hears us, it calls us blessed, and eyes give witness of us (29:11).

Deliver the poor who cry for help, and the orphan who has no helper (29:12).

Be blessed by the one ready to perish, and make the widow's heart sing for joy (29:13).

Be eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame (29:15).

Be a father to the needy, and investigate cases you don't know (29:16). Don't be complacent about the details of evil-doing and let it slide.

Break the jaws of the wicked, and snatch the prey from his teeth (29:17)!

Let our words be like the spring rain (29:23).

Keep smiling on them when they do not believe, and don't let them cast down the light of your face (29:24).

Choose a way for others and sit like chief, like a king among the troops, as one who comforted the mourners (29:25).

Make a covenant with your eyes not to gaze at a virgin (31:1).

Do not walk with falsehood or let your foot hasten after deceit (31:5).

Do not let your step turn from the way, or your heart follow your eyes, or any spot stick to your hands (31:7).

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Do not be enticed by a woman, or lurk at your neighbor's doorway (31:9).

Do not despise the claim of your slaves when they file a complaint against you (31:13).

When treating others, think: "Did He who made me in the womb make him, and the same one fashion us in the womb?" (31:15).

Do not keep the poor from their desire, or cause the eyes of the widow to fail (31:16).

Do not eat your morsel alone, but share it with the orphan (31:17).

Do not see anyone perish for lack of clothing, or needy having no covering (31:19), but make sure his loins thank you, and that they are warmed with your sheep (31:20).

Do not lift up your hand against the orphan just because you have support from the leaders (31:21).

Do not put your confidence in gold, or call fine gold your trust (31:24).

Do not gloat because your wealth is great, and because your hand has secured so much (31:25).

Do not deny God above by becoming enticed by anything, not the sun when it shines nor the moon going in splendor (31:26-28).

Do not rejoice at the extinction of your enemy, nor exult when evil befalls him, nor allow your mouth to sin by asking for his life in a curse (31:29-30).

Be satisfied with your meat (31:31).

Do not let the alien lodge outside, but open your doors to the traveler (31:32).

Do not cover your transgression like Adam, by hiding your iniquity in your bosom, because you fear the great multitude and the contempt of families and you thus keep quiet and don't go out of doors (31:33-34).