

# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

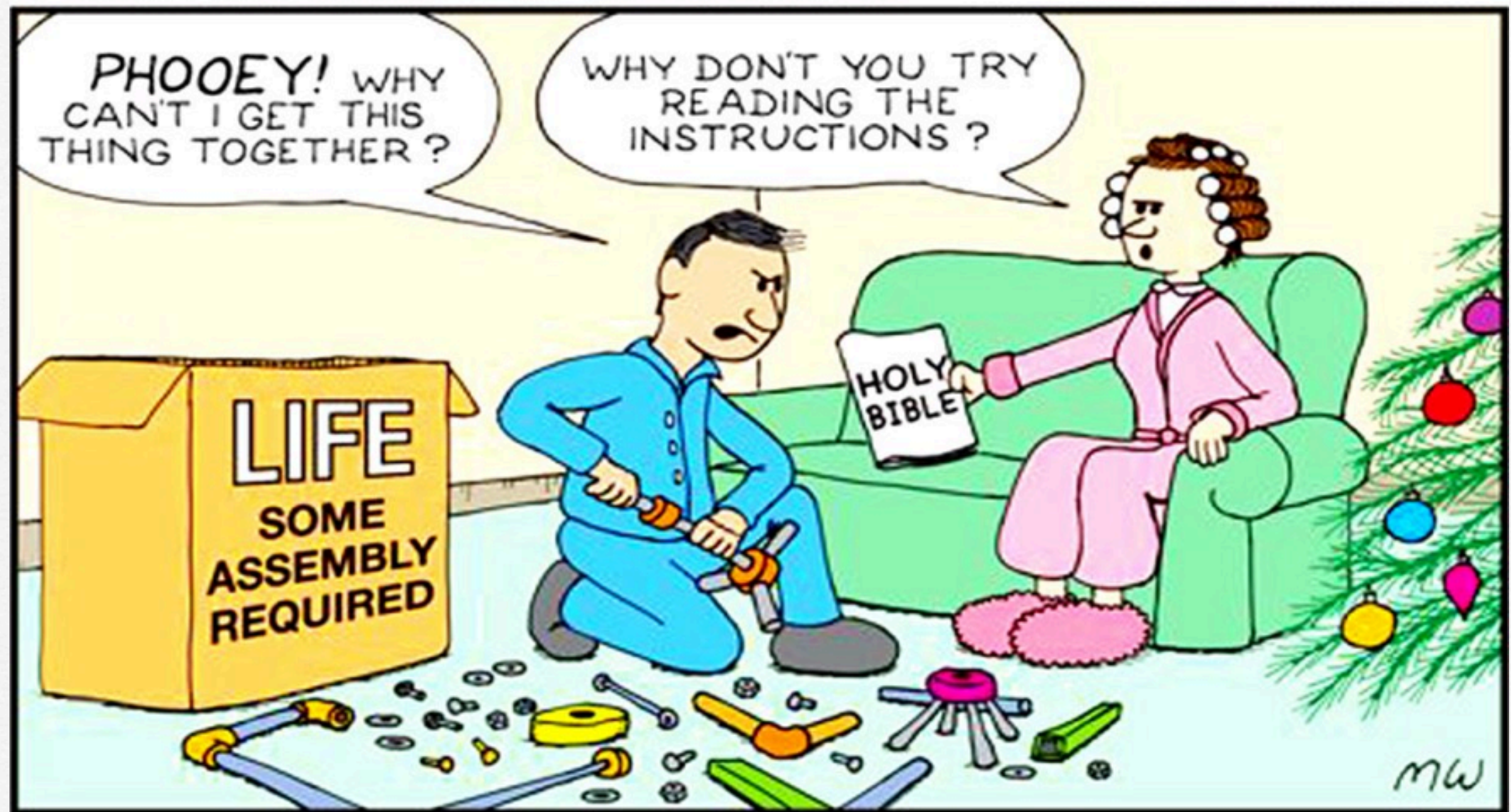
A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding an open book. The book is open to a page with text in Portuguese. The text is partially obscured by a semi-transparent dark grey box containing white text. The background is dark and out of focus.

**Read Carefully**

Contains Necessary Operating  
Instructions & Warnings From The  
Manufacturer



## SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED



Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

— PROVERBS 3:5-6



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## Jeremiah 10:23 (NKJV)

O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Deus defende  
com respeito a  
7 SENHOR, Deus meu,  
e livra-me de todos os  
2 para que ninguém  
Despedaçando-me,  
3 SENHOR, meu Deus,  
o de que me culparei,  
se nas minhas mãos há  
4 se paguel com o mal  
a quem estava em paz com

## Proverbs 14:12 (NKJV)

There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## **Not Merely An Owners Manual**

We Do Not Own Ourselves! –

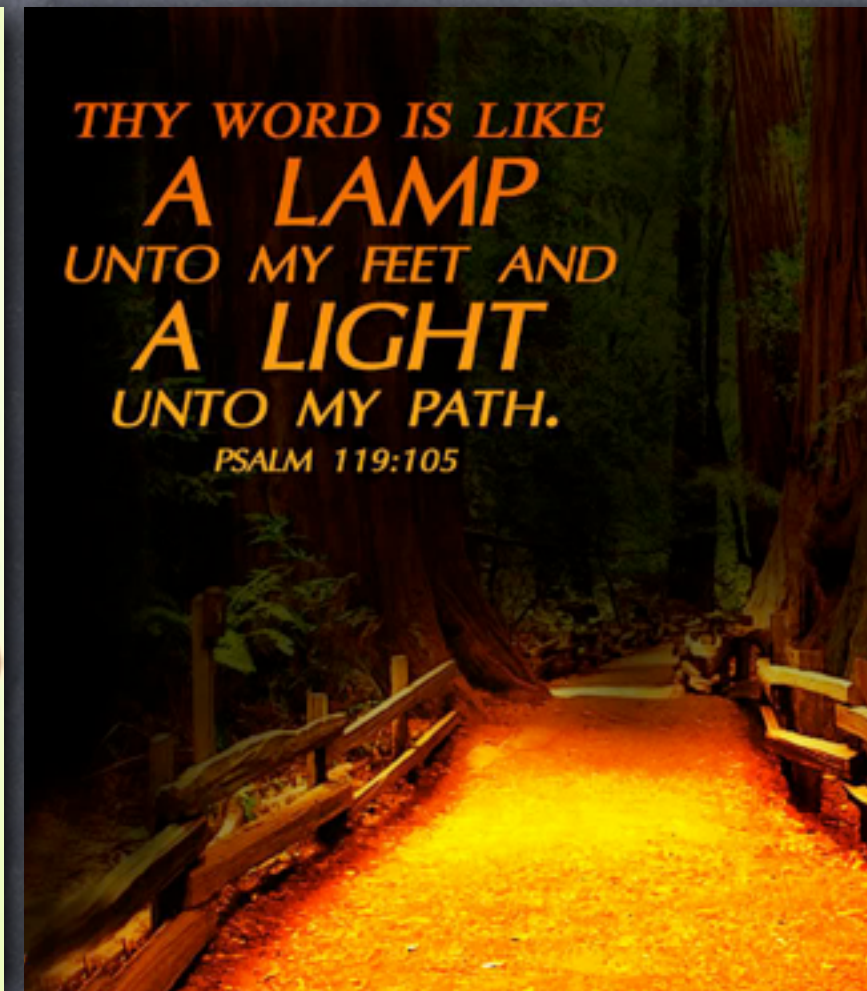
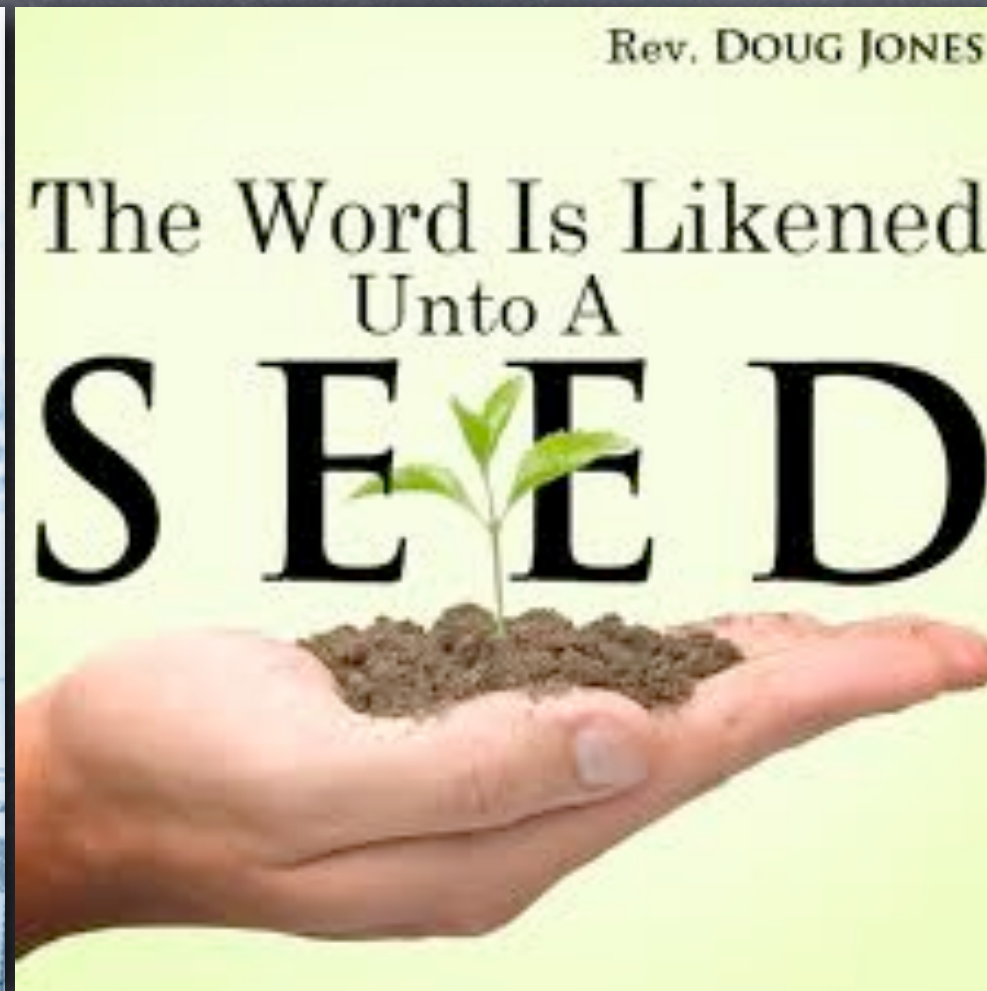
Psalm 100:3; Rom 14:7–9; 1 Cor 6:19; 2 Cor. 5:15

Not Just A List of Do's & Don'ts

Commands / Examples / Principles / Context



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL



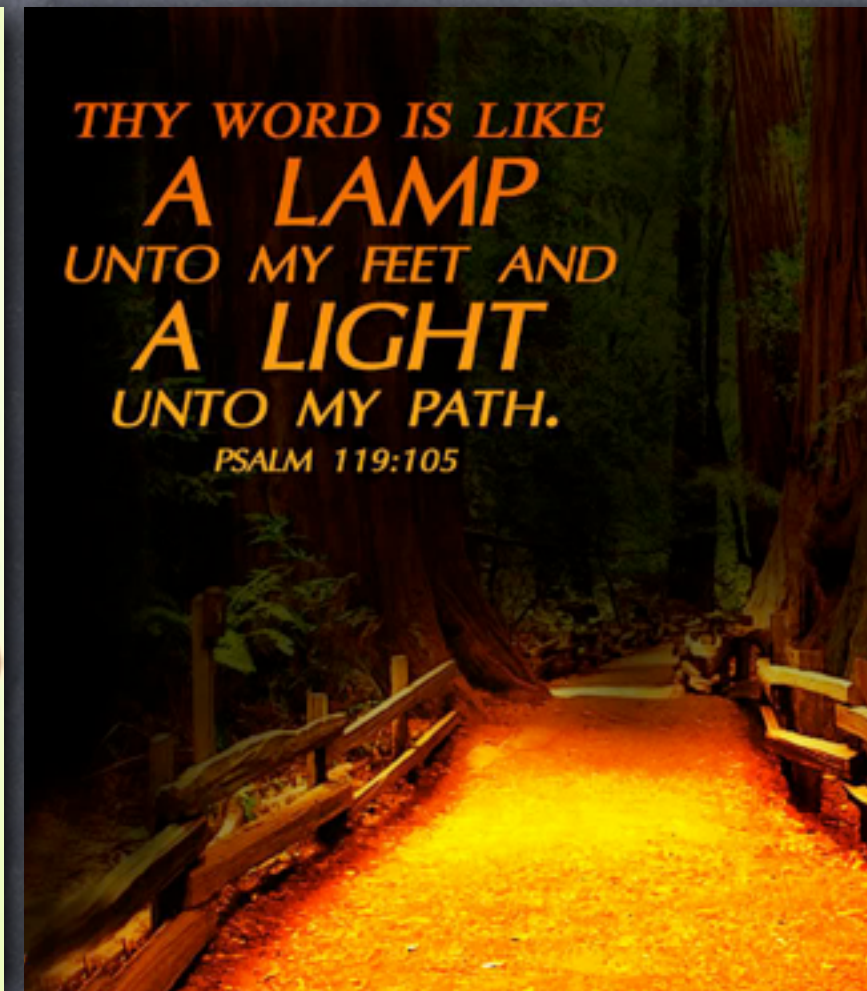
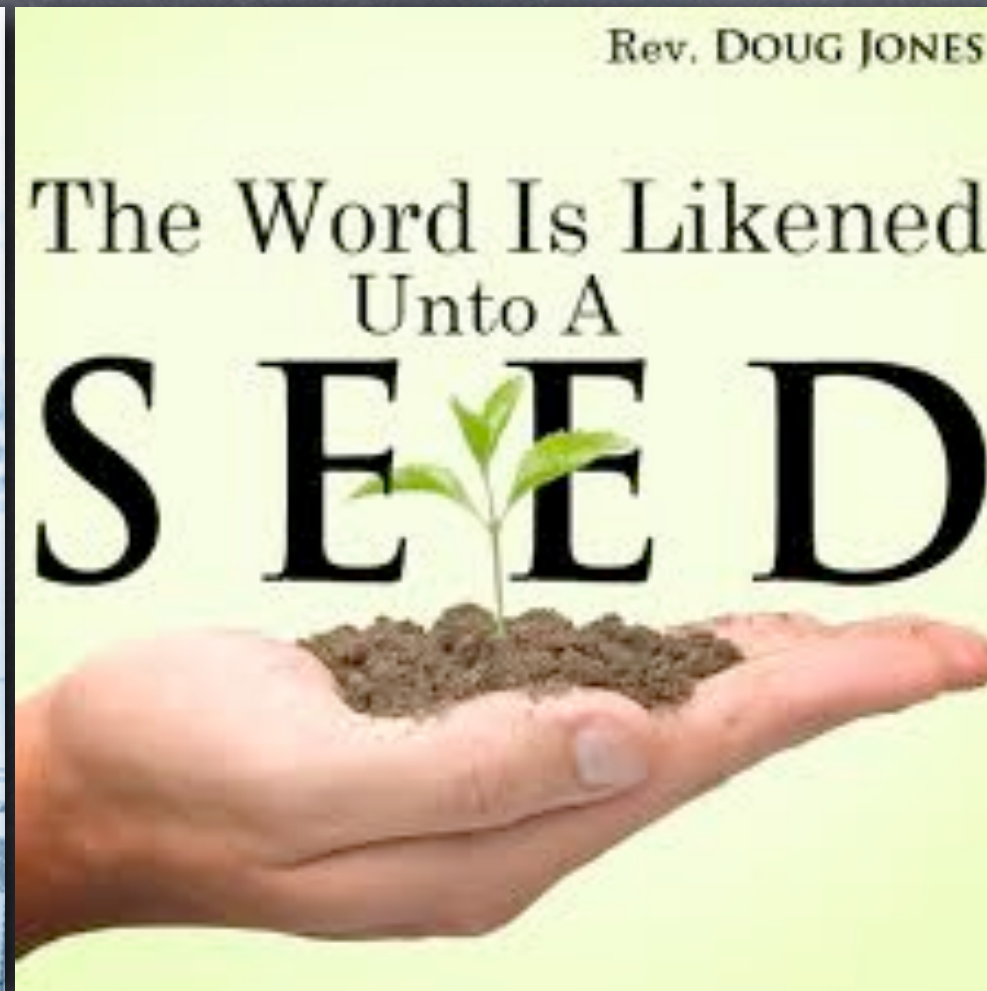
## Pattern / Seed / Light

2 Timothy 1:13 (NKJV)

Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL



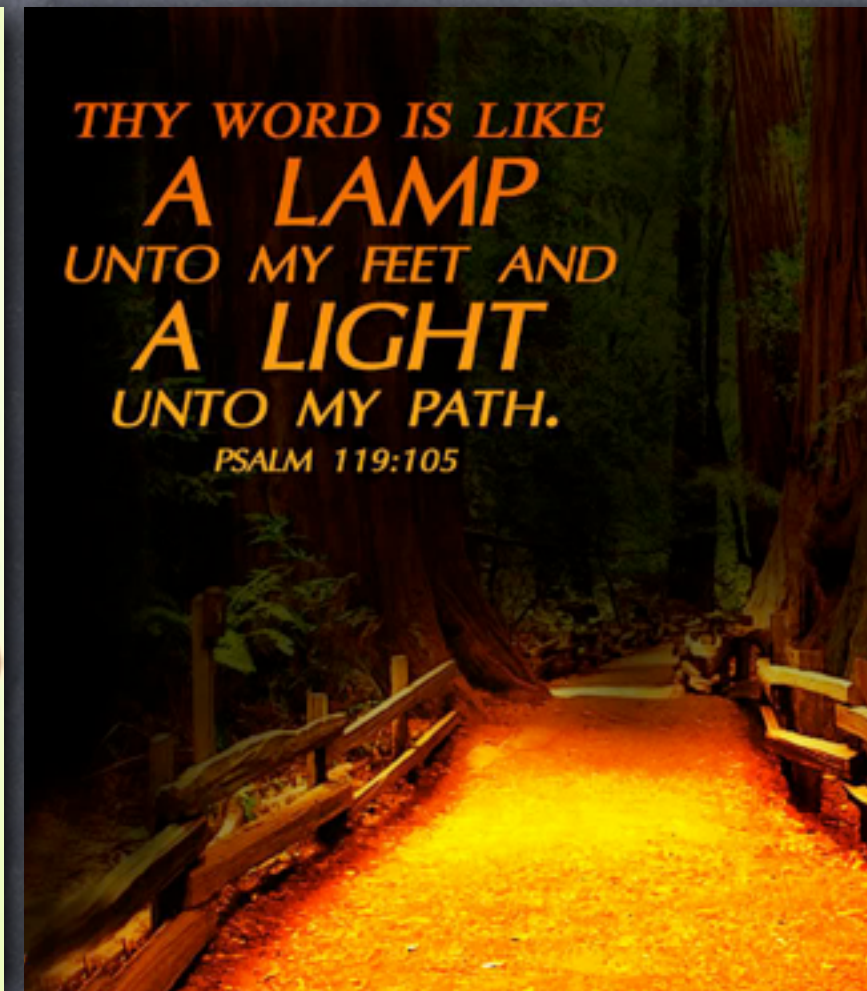
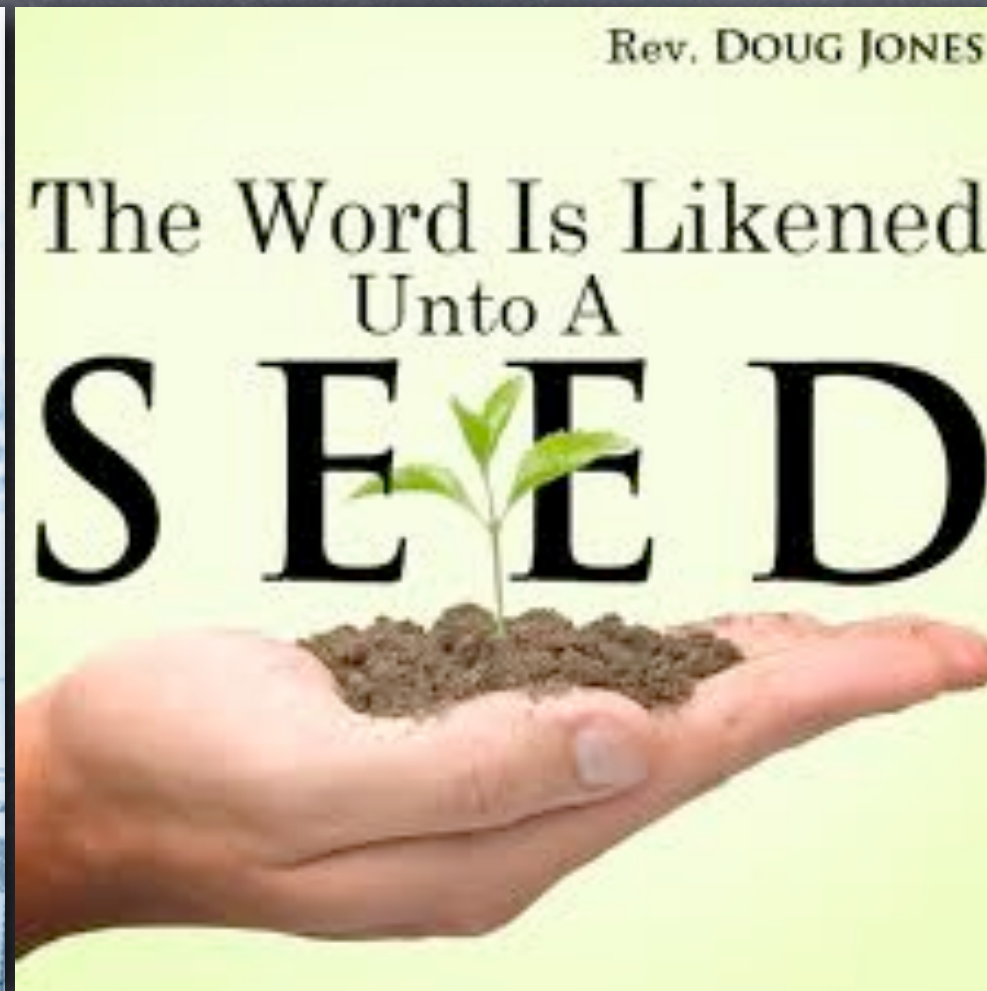
## Pattern / Seed / Light

Luke 8:11-15 (NKJV)

- <sup>11</sup> "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.  
<sup>15</sup> having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it  
and bear fruit with patience.



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL



**Pattern / Seed / Light**

Psalm 119:105 (NKJV)

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## PSALM 19:7-11 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect,  
converting the soul; The testimony of  
the LORD is sure, making wise the  
simple; <sup>8</sup> The statutes of the LORD  
are right, rejoicing the heart; The  
commandment of the LORD is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;



Fear is here a synonym for the Law, for its purpose was to put fear into human hearts (Deut. 4:10, kjv). The Law is pure.... sure, and righteous. It was designed to cause believers to obey God and lead righteous lives.

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## PSALM 119:4-11 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> You have commanded us To keep Your precepts diligently. <sup>5</sup> Oh, that my ways were directed To keep Your statutes! <sup>6</sup> Then I would not be ashamed, When I look into all Your commandments. <sup>7</sup> I will praise You with uprightness of heart, When I learn Your righteous judgments.



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## PSALM 119:4-11 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> I will keep Your statutes; Oh, do not forsake me utterly! <sup>9</sup> How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. <sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! <sup>11</sup> Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## PSALM 119:97-109 (NKJV)

<sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation  
all the day. <sup>98</sup> You, through Your  
commandments, make me wiser than my  
enemies; For they are ever with me. <sup>99</sup> I have  
more understanding than all my teachers, For  
Your testimonies are my meditation. <sup>100</sup> I  
understand more than the ancients, Because I  
keep Your precepts.

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## PSALM 119:97-109 (NKJV)

<sup>101</sup> I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word.

<sup>102</sup> I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me.

<sup>103</sup> How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

<sup>104</sup> Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

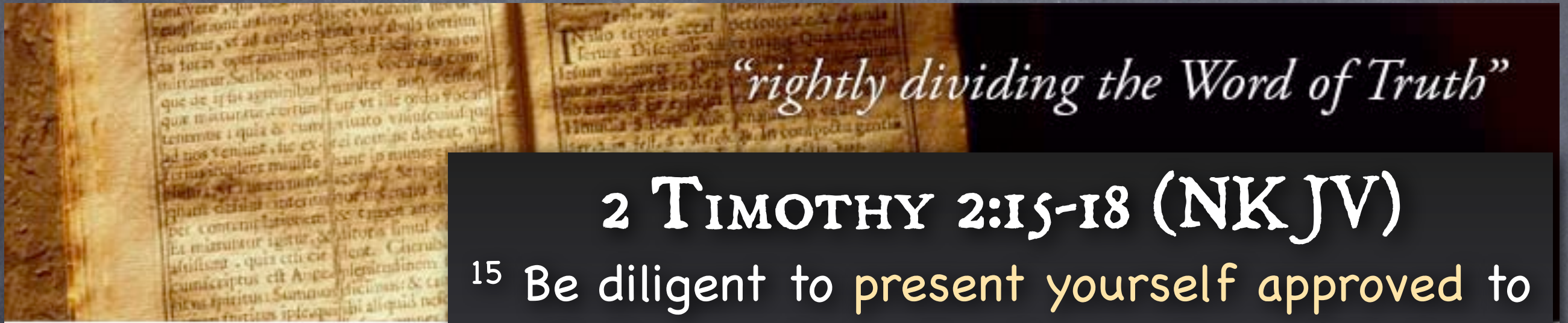
## 2 PETER 1:2-4 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, <sup>3</sup> as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, <sup>4</sup> by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.





# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL



## 2 TIMOTHY 2:15-18 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> Be diligent to **present yourself approved** to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

<sup>16</sup> But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness.

<sup>17</sup> And their message will spread like cancer.

Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort,

<sup>18</sup> who **have strayed concerning the truth**, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.





# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, <sup>15</sup> and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.





# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.





# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

The Challenge of Understanding &  
Applying The Word of God

**Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth**  
God Has Dealt With Men Differently  
In Different Dispensations Due To  
Man's Particular Needs & His Design



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## Specific Requirements Have Changed

### Patriarchal



**Romans 5:14**

### Mosaic



**John 1:17**

### Christian



**Hebrews 1:2**

4000

3000

2000

1000

0000

500

1000

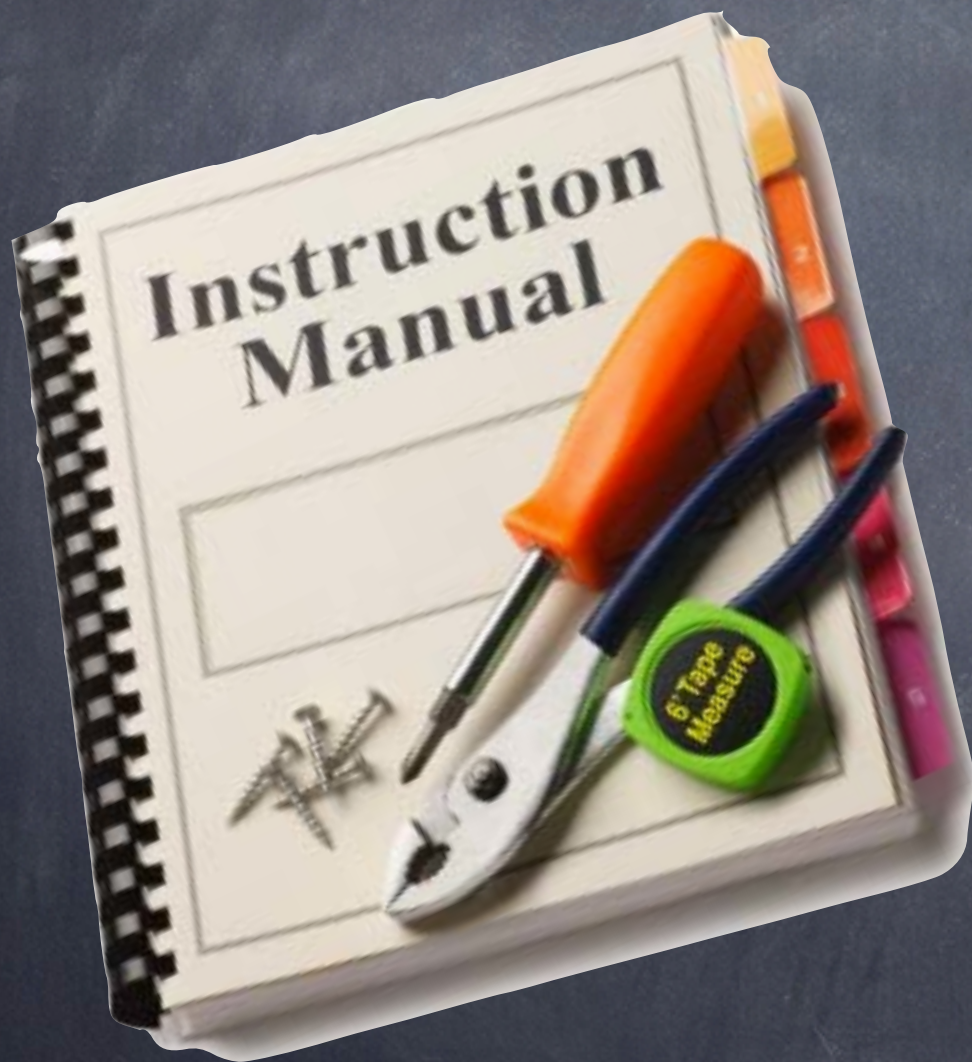
1500



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

**Specific Requirements Have Changed**

**But Certain Principles Are The Same**



- We Serve The Same God!!
- We Have The Same Nature,
- We Have The Same Basic Desires & Needs!



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

**Specific Requirements Have Changed**

**But Certain Principles Are The Same**

Salvation

By Grace Through Faith

Worship

In Spirit & Truth

Service

Humility & Sincerity

Relations

Righteousness & Love

**God  
Speaks**



**Man  
Believes**



**Man  
Obeys**



**God  
Saves**



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## Specific Requirements Have Changed

**But Certain Principles Are The Same**

The Unbelieving & Disobedient Will Be Condemned

**God  
Speaks**



**Man  
Disbelieves**




**Man  
Disobeys**



**God  
Condemns**

 **Adam & Eve** – Gen 3:14–24

 **The Antediluvian world** – Gen 6:5–7; 7:23; 1 Pet 3:19,20

 **Sodom & Gomorrah** – Gen 19:12,13,24,25

 **Israel** – Deut 30:17,18; Josh 23:16; 2 Kg 17,25; Mat 23,24

 **Us** – Heb 9:27; 2 Cor 5:10; 2 Pet 3:10–14; 2 The 1:7–9



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## The Bible Contains All of The Information We Need . . .

### 2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

<sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.



To discern between right & wrong, good & bad, truth & error – Heb 5:12–14



To overcome Satan – Ps 119:11, Eph 6:10–18; 2 Cor. 2:11



To strengthen & comfort us in times of trouble, sorrow & hardships – Ps 119:50; 1 Thes 4:18



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## The Bible Contains All of The Information We Need . . .

### 2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,  
<sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.



To Be Right With God



To worship God acceptably



To serve God in righteousness



To govern our relationships



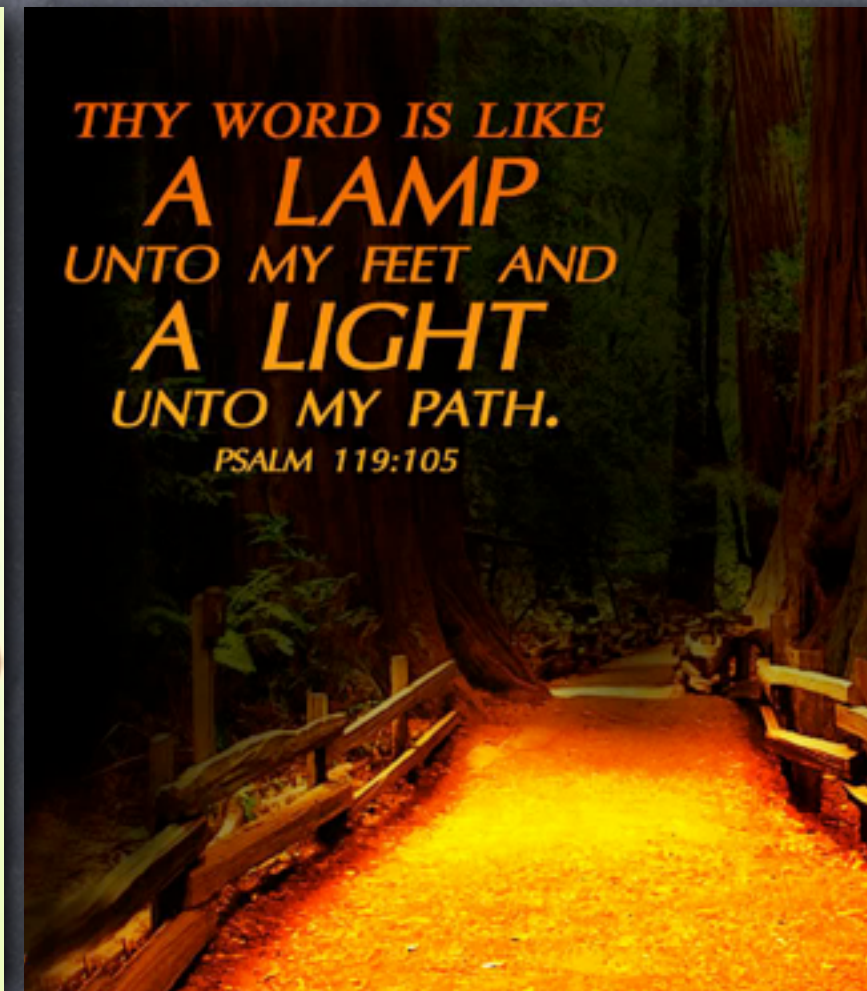
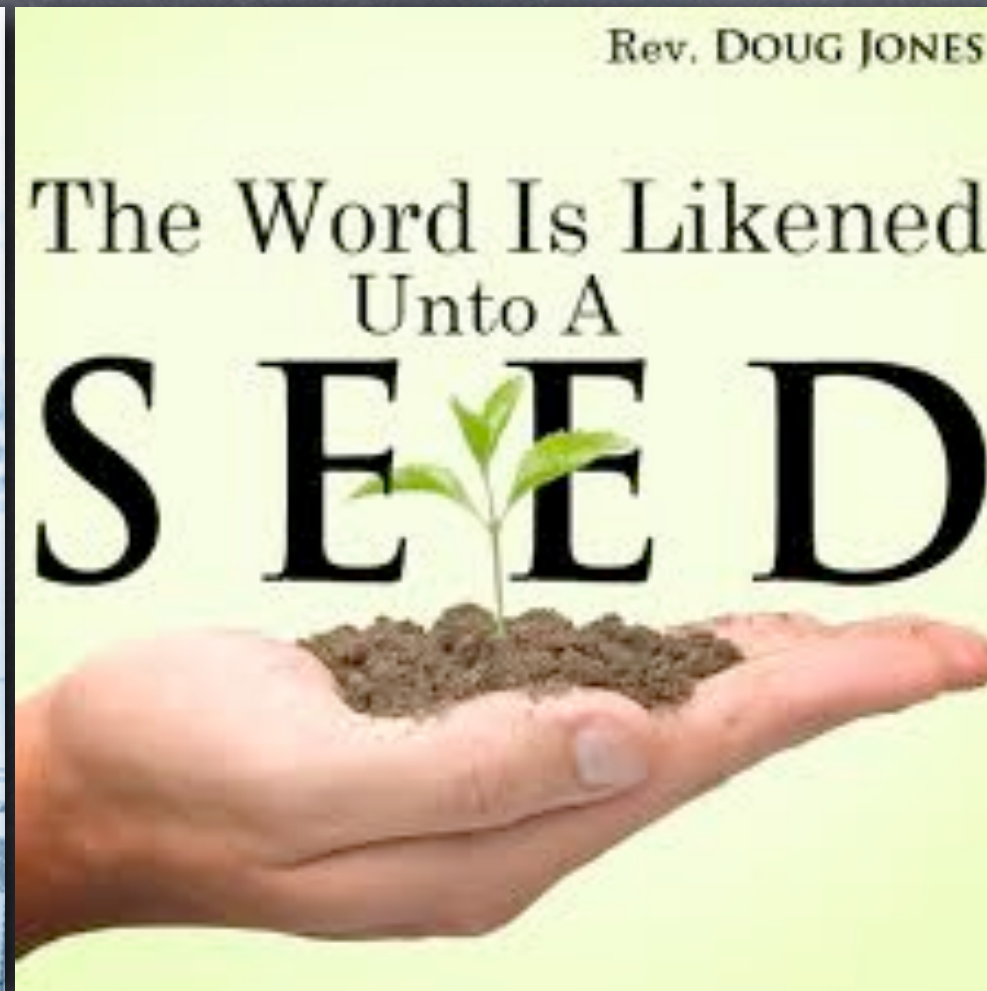
To live godly in this life



To be saved eternally



# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL



## Pattern / Seed / Light

Is the word of God the PATTERN for your life?

Is the word of God the SEED for your thoughts & deeds?

Is the word of God the LIGHT which illuminates your path?

Your eternal destiny depends on it!!!!







# LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## Charts by Don McClain

Prepared February 7-9, 2013

Preached February 10, 2013

West 65th Street church of Christ

P.O. Box 190062

Little Rock AR 72219

501-568-1062

Prepared using Keynote

Email – donmcclain@sbcglobal.net

More Keynote, PPT & Audio Sermons:

<http://w65stchurchofchrist.org/coc/sermons/>

Note – Many of the transition effects used in this presentation will be lost using PPT 2007 Viewer

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?>

[FamilyID=cb9bf144-1076-4615-9951-294eeb832823&displaylang=en](http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=cb9bf144-1076-4615-9951-294eeb832823&displaylang=en)



## PSALM 1:1-6 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; <sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.



## PSALM 1:1-6 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. <sup>5</sup> Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. <sup>6</sup> For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.