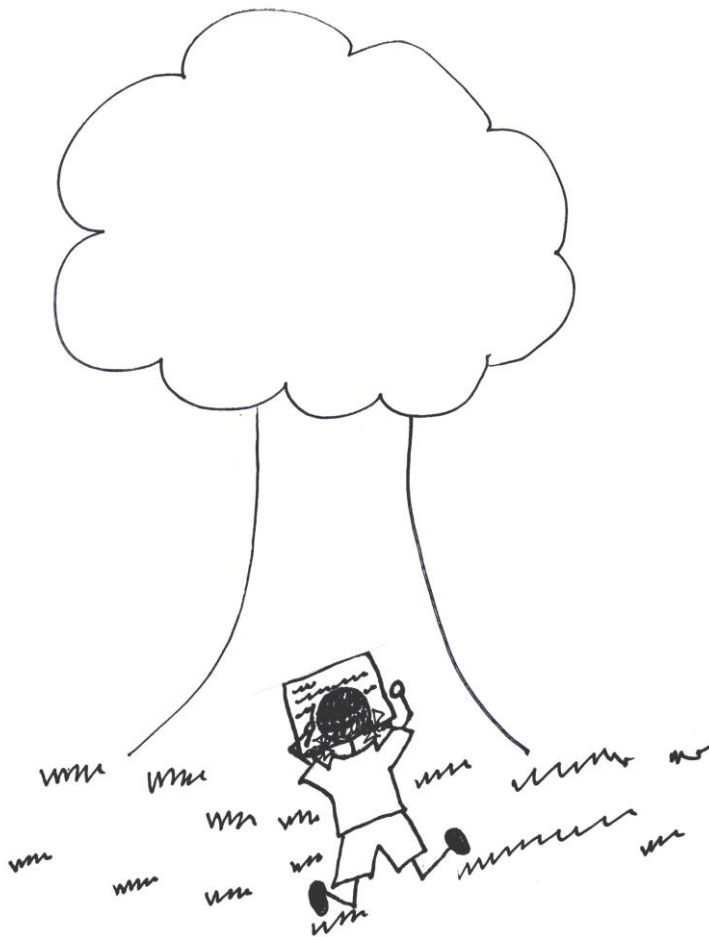


Capacity for Life

My dearest Friend, Jesus Christ,

Jesus, you give us real capacity for life! By real capacity I mean the ability to receive and experience what the Father has planned for our lives. We receive that capacity from learning and believing your thinking, Bible doctrine. The Holy Spirit teaches us and pours Your thoughts into our souls. We experience the capacity when we use Your thinking.* You deliver us with Your thinking. It is what is in our minds that is important! The more of Your thinking we have, the more capacity we will have.

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Think Like Jesus Christ* and *Rest, Relax, Live in the Moment!*



Matthew 13:12a For whoever has, to him more shall be given and he will have an abundance. [Grace upon grace]

You want us to have souls full of Your thinking. You want us to have lots of capacity for living the spiritual life. (I want that also. However, my old sin nature battles with my new nature!*) It is easy for us to get caught up in our daily activities and lose sight of You as our #1 priority. We need to put our minds in a place where we can focus on You and Your thinking. We need to let God the Holy Spirit, in His almighty power, make our new man grow and mature in Your thinking. The more of Your thinking we have, the more capacity we will have, and the more we will be able to endure and enjoy the Father's plan for our lives.

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Newness of Life In Christ*.



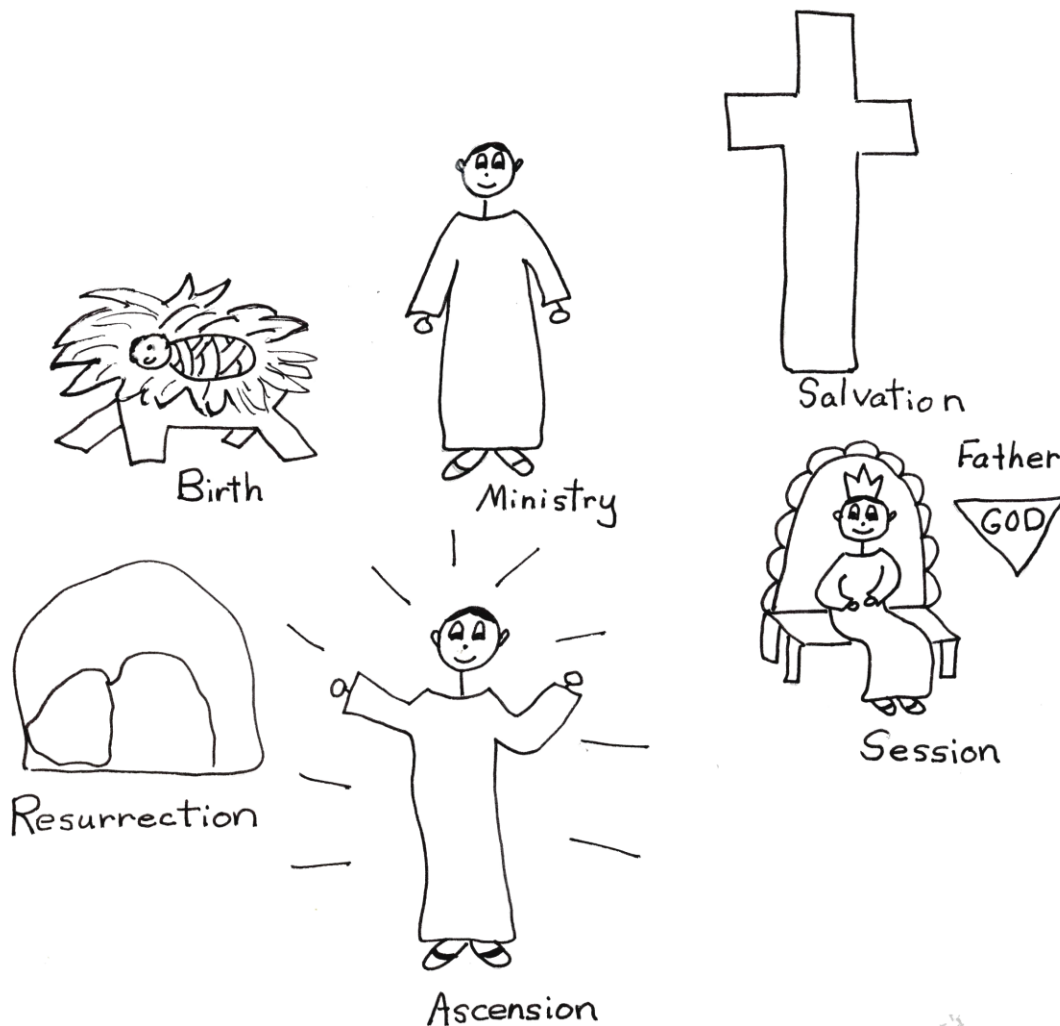
Psalm 16:11 You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever.



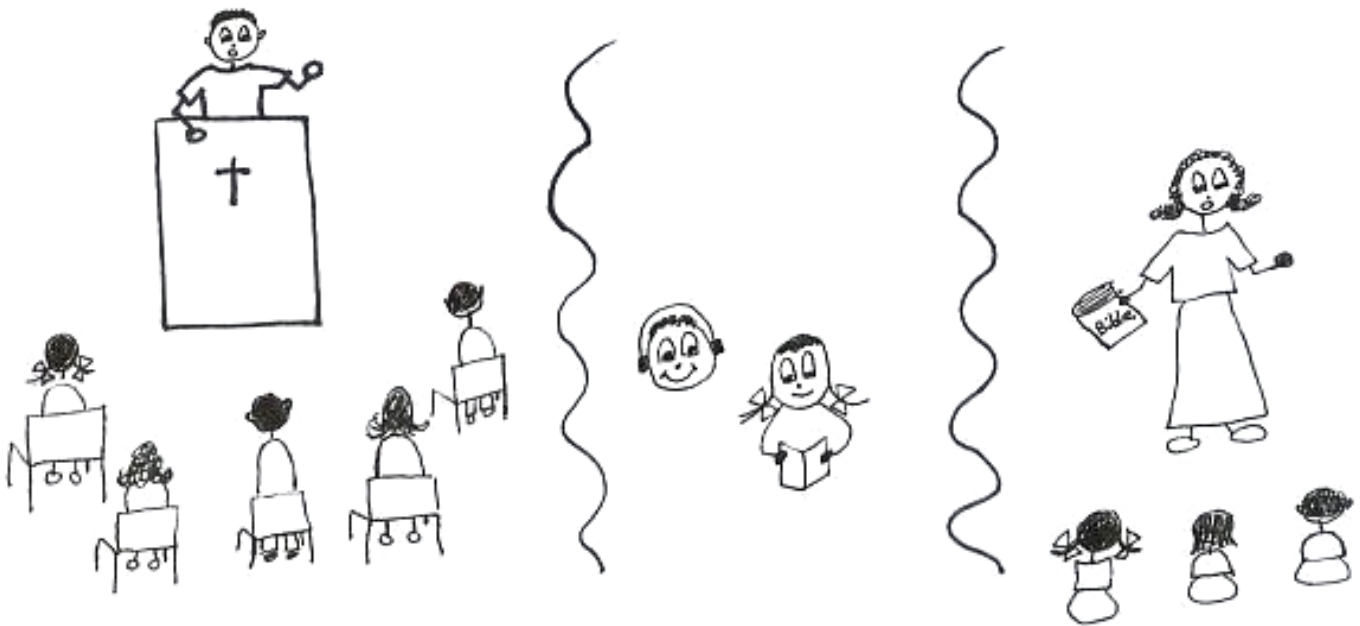
Jesus,

You have the greatest capacity of anyone! You obeyed the Father's plan for Your life perfectly. You were born, lived, died, were resurrected and then ascended into heaven! You lived Your life through the power of the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine! You were promoted to the highest honor - being seated at the right hand of God the Father!* You won the victory over sin. You showed us how to live in God's plan for our lives.

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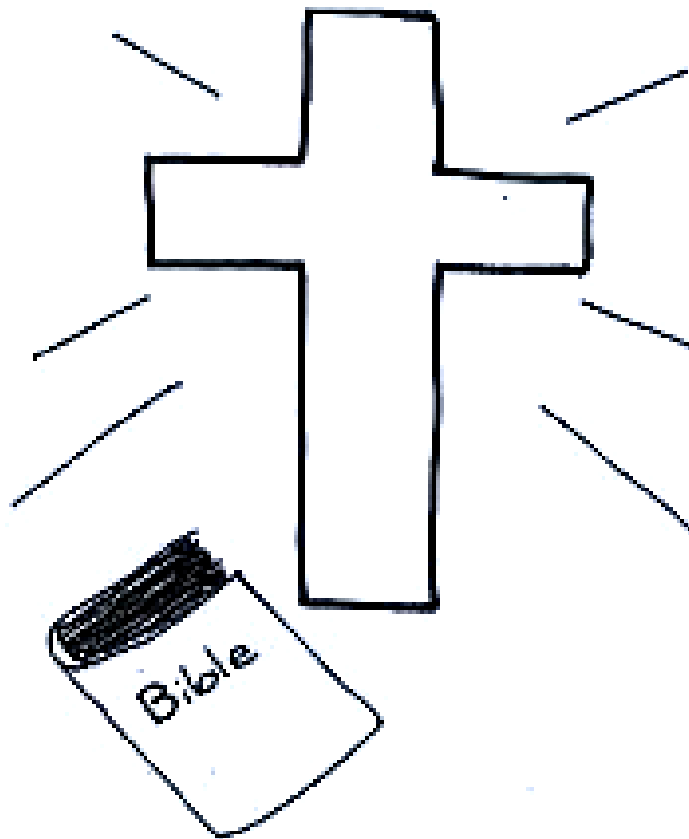
Lord Jesus, You had the greatest humility. We've learned that this means You always had Your mind open to learn about God's plan for Your life. You were never self-centered or arrogant. You never thought too highly or too lowly of Yourself! This is a lesson You want us to learn so we too can have capacity to live the spiritual life. We must have humility before we are given capacity. In other words, we have to be willing to learn, believe and use Bible doctrine.* *Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Humility vs. Arrogance*



Philippians 2:3-5 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit [pride], but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not *merely* look out for your own personal interest, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus.... (Read Philippians 2:3-11.)

Dearest Jesus, You suffered more than anyone and it was all undeserved! Because of the filling of the Holy Spirit and the wisdom of Bible doctrine in Your soul, You had the capacity to endure the suffering. You did it all for us. This is the greatest love. And yet at times, in our flesh*, we turn away from You. However, the more capacity we have, the quicker we turn back to You and Your thinking, Your wisdom.**

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Miserable Because of Pride*. Read *Problem Solving Device #1 - REBOUND*.



Jesus, I know that when we follow You our faith will be tested. That's the way we find out what we really believe! We will suffer also! That's the way we can see and know God's grace, mercy or deliverance, and love.* When our suffering is undeserved, we will never have more than we have the capacity to handle. When we bring it on ourselves, it will be more than we can handle! However, we never need to shrink back from whatever God has planned for our lives. You are always with us no matter what we are doing!**

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Job's Faith*. **Read *Be Confident! God Lives In You! Part 2*.



Hebrews 10:38

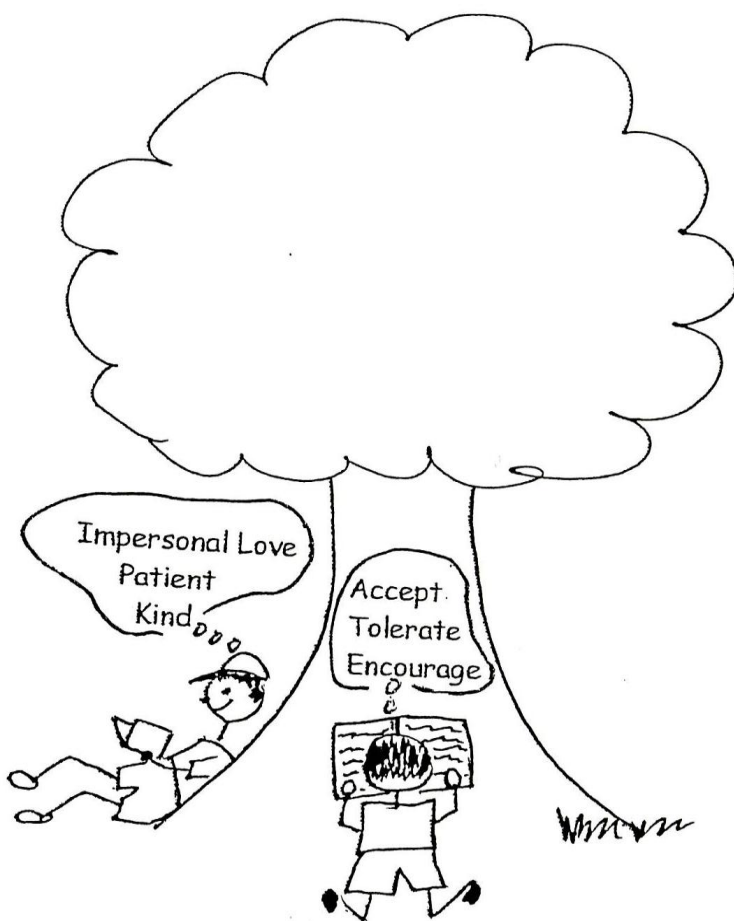
BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; [doctrine] AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.

We need wisdom from Your thinking, Bible doctrine, to examine our thinking. Your thinking will reveal to us where we stand in grace. We can't call on wisdom if it isn't in our souls! The most common reason for deserved suffering is lack of wisdom and/or the refusal to function under its guidance. Wisdom guides us BEFORE we have to bear negative results! Living in doctrine, Your wisdom, means we've learned to live in the sphere of Your grace, grace-orientation*. We can relax!

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Problem Solving Device #4 - GRACE ORIENTATION.*

Proverbs 1:20-33 Wisdom shouts in the street, she lifts her voice in the square; ...

Psalms 16:11 You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever.



Jesus, with Your wisdom we learn to take responsibility for our thoughts and actions. Taking responsibility for past mistakes simply means we are set free from them by the grace plan of God. If we choose to take full responsibility, we are choosing to use God's grace and deliverance. This sets us free! Grace-orientation means we live in the "now". We need to be trained in the spiritual life with Your wisdom so we have capacity to rest in Your thoughts!

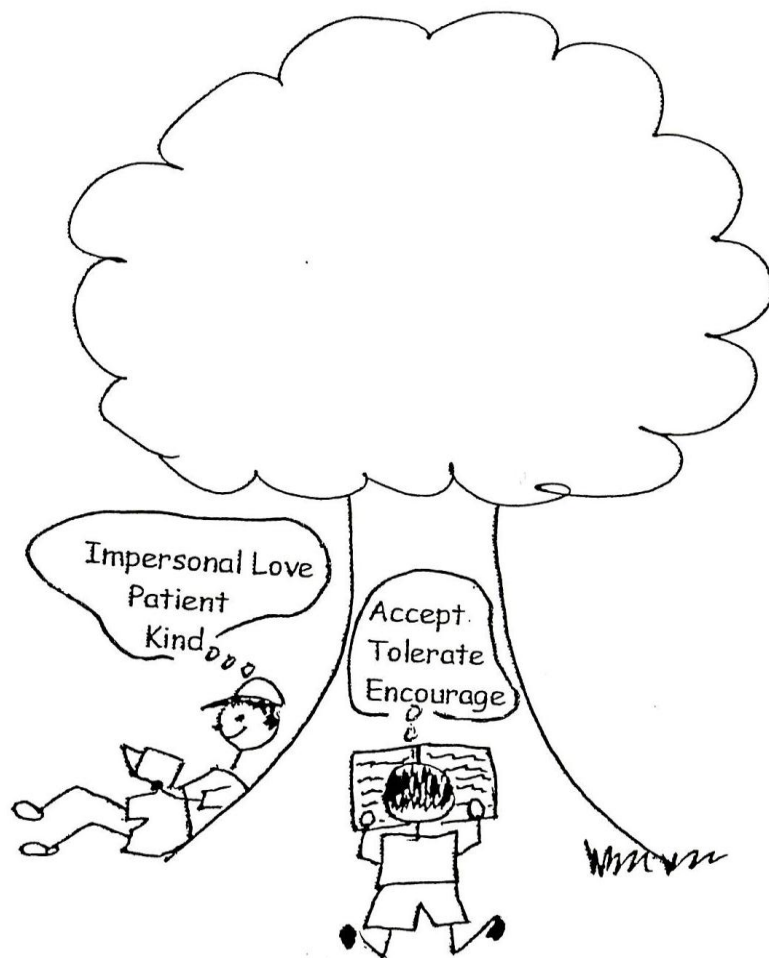


Luke 11:34-35 The eye is the lamp of your body; when your eye is clear, your whole body also is full of light; but when it is bad, your body also is full of darkness. Then watch out that the light in you is not darkness.

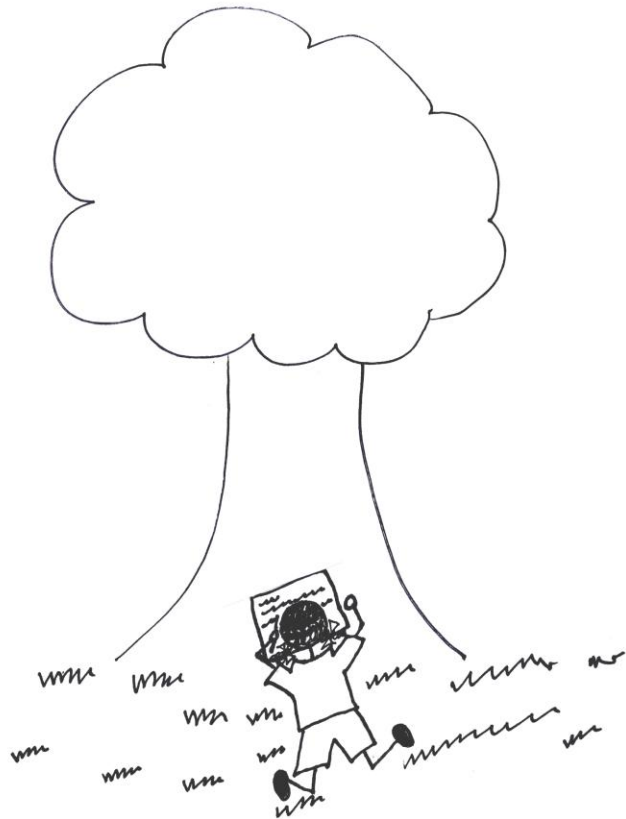


We can ask ourselves, "Is every thought and action I have in the sphere of grace? In grace-orientation we have learned to expect that if we draw near to You, Jesus, grace overflows into our laps and we find the solution to every problem in our lives.* Your wisdom is a source of grace, freedom and power to overcome all obstacles in life including ourselves! Thank You for showing us the wonderful grace plan for our lives! *Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Grace, Grace and More Grace*, and *Use God's Grace to the Max!*

Hebrews 4:16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence [boldly, stability from BD] to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



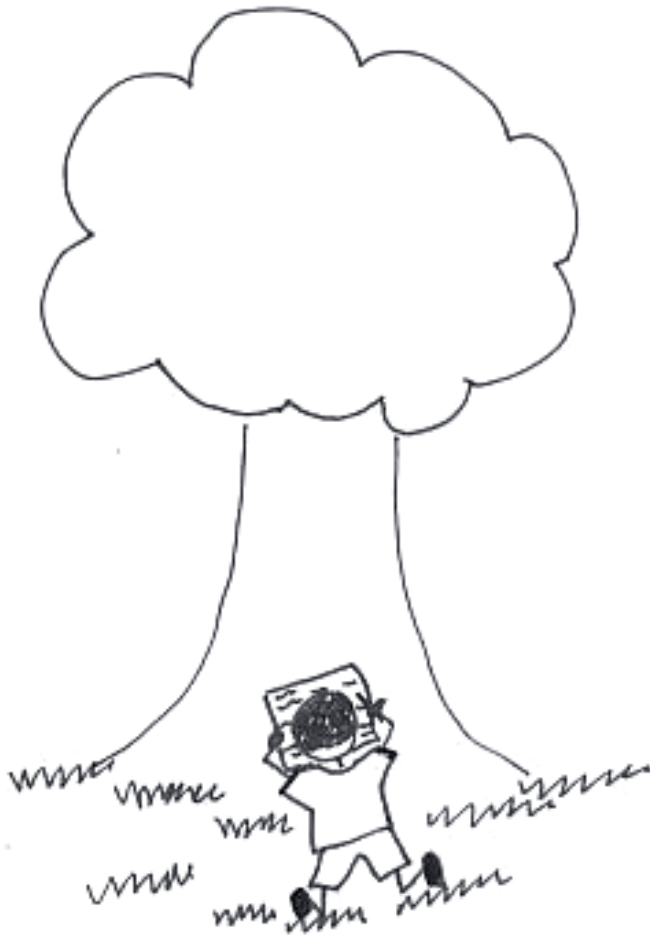
If we don't have Your wisdom we will be arrogant, self-centered. Cosmic success can make our arrogance stronger because we can start to think too highly of ourselves. We can get too puffed up with creature credit! There is a problem when success or prosperity comes too soon! In fact, the success will bring us misery because we will have our eyes off You and on ourselves. Not a pretty picture! Without the required capacity for prosperity, there is no blessing in it.

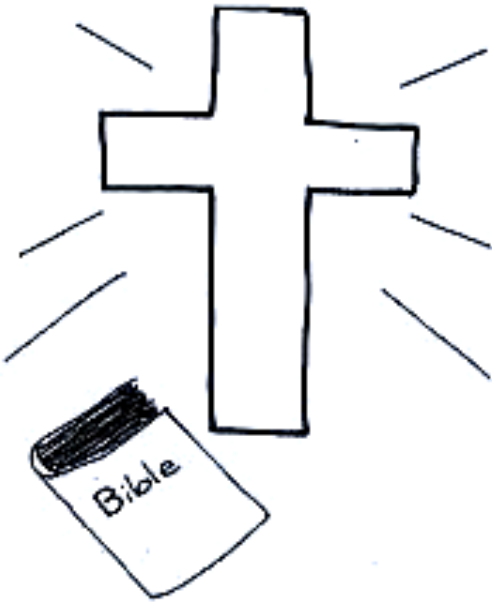


Mathew 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness [stop trying to climb out on your own power], and all these thing [including prosperity] will be added to you.

Revelation 3:17 Because you say, “ I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,” and you do not know that you are wretched [no capacity for prosperity] and miserable [no happiness from prosperity] and poor [spiritually poor, weak] and blind [can’t recognize own misery] and naked [unclothed in honor].

These are people who have worldly success but no capacity!
Arrogance makes us blind!



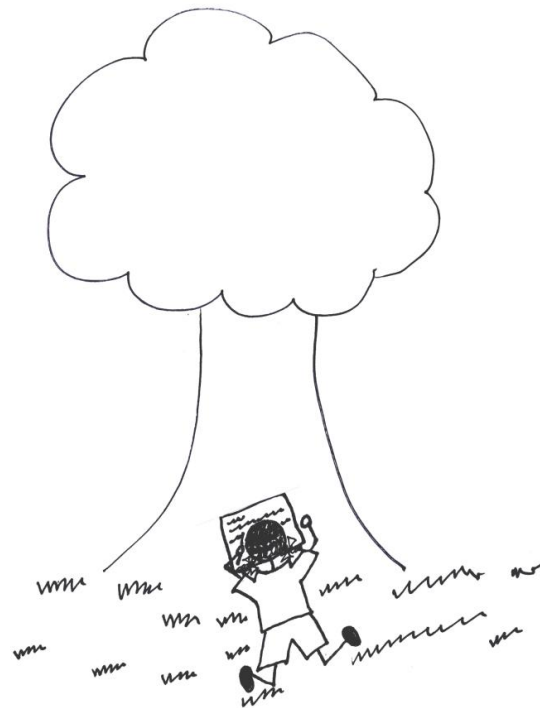


I love this wisdom You have given
us:

Revelations 3:18 I advise you to buy from Me
gold [Bible doctrine] refined by fire so that you
may become rich [spiritually blessed, strong],
and white garments so that you may clothe
yourself [clothe in honor], and that the shame of
your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye
salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see [Bible doctrine gives us
sight].

Jesus, Bible doctrine, Your thinking, gives us capacity
for life! Thank You for sharing Your wisdom with us!

Love, Your grateful student,



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