

LONGEVITY - PURPOSE

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 **BIBLE**

1. Gen. 1:27, 28 (to 1st ,)

- 27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
- 28 And God blessed them, ...

2. Gen. 5:21–24

- 21 ¶ And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:
- 22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:
- 23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:
- 24 And Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took him.

3. Heb. 11:5, 6

- 5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.
- 6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

4. Luke 7:1, 2, 6–10 And

- 1 Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum.
- 2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die.
- 6 ... And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof:
- 7 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed.
- 8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.
- 9 When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the

people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.
10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

5. Luke 10:25–28

25 ¶ And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?
26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?
27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.
28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

6. Luke 12:22, 29–32, 34

22 ¶ And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.
29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.
30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.
31 ¶ But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.
32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

7. Ps. 139:7–10

7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*.
9 *If* I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

8. Col. 3:11–15 Christ (to ;), 16 (to ;), 17

11 ... Christ *is* all, and in all.
12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.
14 And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; ...
16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; ...
17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

9. John 5:24

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

10. Rom. 6:22, 23 2nd the

- 22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.
- 23 ... the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

11. Gal. 6:6–10

- 6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.
- 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
- 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.
- 9 And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
- 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

12. Ps. 104:24, 27, 28, 30, 31

- 24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.
- 27 These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give *them* their meat in due season.
- 28 *That* thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.
- 30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.
- 31 The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.

13. Eph. 3:11, 16–19

- 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:
- 16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;
- 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
- 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
- 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

14. Heb. 13:8

- 8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever.

15. Ps. 40:11

- 11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.



1. SH 487:27

27 The understanding that Life is God, Spirit, lengthens
our days by strengthening our trust in the deathless
reality of Life, its almightiness and immortality.

2. SH 71:1–2 (to 2nd .)

1 Nothing is real and eternal, — nothing is Spirit, — but
God and His idea. Evil has no reality.

3. SH 95:6–10

6 We approach
God, or Life, in proportion to our spirituality, our fidel-
ity to Truth and Love; and in that ratio we know all
9 human need and are able to discern the thought of the
sick and the sinning for the purpose of healing them.

4. SH 239:16

To ascertain our progress, we must learn where our
affections are placed and whom we acknowledge and
18 obey as God. If divine Love is becoming
nearer, dearer, and more real to us, matter is
then submitting to Spirit. The objects we pursue and
21 the spirit we manifest reveal our standpoint, and show
what we are winning.

Standpoint
revealed

5. SH 246:27

27 Life is eternal. We should find this out, and begin the
demonstration thereof. Life and goodness are immortal.
Let us then shape our views of existence into
30 loveliness, freshness, and continuity, rather
than into age and blight.

True life
eternal

6. SH 249:18–19

18 Life is, like Christ, “the same yesterday, and to-day,
and forever.”

7. SH 258:13–16, 19–21

God expresses in man the infinite idea forever develop-
ing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from
15 a boundless basis. Mind manifests all that exists in

the infinitude of Truth.

The infinite Principle is reflected by the infinite idea
and spiritual individuality, but the material so-called senses
21 have no cognizance of either Principle or its idea.

8. SH 316:7–12

Christ, Truth,
was demonstrated through Jesus to prove the power of
9 Spirit over the flesh, — to show that Truth is made
manifest by its effects upon the human mind and body,
healing sickness and destroying sin.
12 Jesus represented Christ, the true idea of God.

9. SH 266:27

27 Man is the
idea of Spirit; he reflects the beatific presence, illumining
the universe with light. Man is deathless, spiritual. He
30 is above sin or frailty. He does not cross the barriers
of time into the vast forever of Life, but he coexists with
God and the universe.

Beatific
presence

10. SH 247:28; 248:3–4, 5, 19–21, 25–4; 249:6–10

The embellishments of the person are poor substitutes
for the charms of being, shining resplendent and eternal
30 over age and decay.

3 Love never loses sight of loveliness. Its halo rests upon
its object.

Men and women of riper
6 years and larger lessons ought to ripen into
health and immortality, instead of lapsing into darkness
or gloom. Immortal Mind feeds the body with supernal
9 freshness and fairness, supplying it with beautiful images
of thought and destroying the woes of sense which each
day brings to a nearer tomb.

Love's
endowment

Do you not hear from all
mankind of the imperfect model? The world is holding
21 it before your gaze continually.

To remedy this, we must first turn our gaze in the right direction, and then walk that way. We must form perfect
27 models in thought and look at them continually,
or we shall never carve them out in grand and noble lives. Let unselfishness, goodness, mercy, justice,
30 health, holiness, love — the kingdom of heaven — reign within us, and sin, disease, and death will diminish until they finally disappear.

Perfect
models

1 Let us accept Science, relinquish all theories based on sense-testimony, give up imperfect models and illusive
3 ideals; and so let us have one God, one Mind, and that one perfect, producing His own models of excellence.

6 Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into newness of life and recognizing no mortal nor material power as able to destroy. Let us re-
9 joice that we are subject to the divine “powers that be.”
Such is the true Science of being.

Renewed
selfhood

11. SH 246:10

The measurement of life by solar years robs youth and gives ugliness to age. The radiant sun of virtue and truth
12 coexists with being. Manhood is its eternal noon, undimmed by a declining sun. As the physical and material, the transient sense of beauty fades, the radiance of
15 Spirit should dawn upon the enraptured sense with bright and imperishable glories.

12. SH 492:3–12, 19, 25

3 For right reasoning there should be but one fact before the thought, namely, spiritual existence. In reality there is no other existence, since Life cannot be united to its
6 unlikeness, mortality.

Being is holiness, harmony, immortality. It is already proved that a knowledge of this, even in small degree,
9 will uplift the physical and moral standard of mortals, will increase longevity, will purify and elevate character. Thus progress will finally destroy
12 all error, and bring immortality to light.

Mind one
and all

Science says: All is
Mind and Mind's idea. You must fight it out on this

21 line. Matter can afford you no aid.

Scientific
ultimatum

God is Mind, and God is
infinite; hence all is Mind. On this statement rests the
27 Science of being, and the Principle of this Science is di-
vine, demonstrating harmony and immortality.

13. SH 126:24–29

24 I have demonstrated through Mind the effects
of Truth on the health, longevity, and morals
of men; and I have found nothing in ancient or in modern
27 systems on which to found my own, except the teachings
and demonstrations of our great Master and the lives of
prophets and apostles.

Biblical
basis

14. SH 223:32

Longevity

1 is increasing and the power of sin diminishing, for the
world feels the alterative effect of truth through every
3 pore.

15. SH 348:26–32

I have never supposed the world would immediately
27 witness the full fruitage of Christian Science, or that sin,
disease, and death would not be believed for
an indefinite time; but this I do aver, that,
30 as a result of teaching Christian Science, ethics and
temperance have received an impulse, health has been
restored, and longevity increased.

Full fruitage
yet to come

16. SH 167:7

Our pro-

portionate admission of the claims of good or of evil de-
9 termines the harmony of our existence, — our health, our
longevity, and our Christianity.

17. SH 267:1–5 (to 1st .)

1 Every object in material thought will be destroyed, but
the spiritual idea, whose substance is in Mind, is eternal.
3 The offspring of God start not from matter
or ephemeral dust. They are in and of Spirit,
divine Mind, and so forever continue.

The infinitude
of God

18. SH 254:2–8, 10–12, 20, 29 This

Individuals are consistent who, watching
3 and praying, can “run, and not be weary; . . .
walk, and not faint,” who gain good rapidly
and hold their position, or attain slowly and
6 yield not to discouragement. God requires perfection,
but not until the battle between Spirit and flesh is fought
and the victory won.

Patience
and final
perfection

When we wait
patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs
12 our path.

This task God demands us to accept lovingly
21 to-day, and to abandon so fast as practical the material,
and to work out the spiritual which determines the out-
ward and actual.

This is the
30 cross. Take it up and bear it, for through it
you win and wear the crown. Pilgrim on earth, thy home
is heaven; stranger, thou art the guest of God.

The cross
and crown